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VIGYAN BHAWAN ANNEXE, NEW DELHI**

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

INTRODUCTORY - Review of Progress

1. 15th August, 1997 will be one of the most important landmarks in the post-independence Indian national life, as the day will mark the 50th Anniversary of our Independence. The 50th Anniversary of India's Independence, besides being an occasion which calls for celebrations in the most befitting manner, proffers the most propitious opportunity to the people of India to pause and ponder, to sit back and seriously think whether we are carrying on the priceless legacy of freedom on the path that was charted for us by the fathers of our freedom movement and hundreds and thousands of those unknown, unsung and unwept heroes who made their supreme sacrifices on the altar of Independence, who sacrificed their present to secure our future-whether we are building an India of their dreams. Whether the great ideals of freedom movement still guide our thoughts and actions, precepts and practices and more importantly whether we are on the right course to accomplish the unfinished tasks of freedom from want; hunger and poverty; illiteracy and disease and eventually securing social and economic upliftment and emancipation of our people? The 50th Anniversary of Independence will, therefore, be a solemn occasion for introspection, assessment and evaluation of our achievements, rekindle and recapture the spirit of freedom movement and rededicate ourselves to the noble task of nation-building in the realms of the great ideals that guided our freedom struggle. Above all, it will be an opportunity to awaken and educate our younger generations of the traditional Indian ethos and values of peaceful co-existence, tolerance and non-violence, and patriotism and self-sacrifice.

2. With this, briefly, in view, the Government of India have decided to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of nation's Independence. The celebrations are intended to touch upon the moral and emotional chord of Indian people and the activities and events will be designed to secure widest possible public participation encompassing areas from grassroot village level to the national and international levels. The year-long celebrations will commence on 15th August, 1997. The Department of Culture in the Ministry of Human Resource Development will be the nodal agency for the entire commemorative effort.

3. With a view to guide, steer and direct the commemorations, a National Committee under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister has been set up. The National Committee comprises the Members of the Council of Ministers, former Presidents, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, former Prime Ministers, leaders of opposition in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, Chief Ministers, Leaders of Political Parties in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, Presidents of all major National Political Parties, Writers and Artists, representatives of Trade, Commerce and Industry, Media, Gandhians and Freedom Fighters, eminent persons from the fields of Science and Technology, Judiciary and Law, representatives of Trade Unions, Traditional Scholars and other eminent persons. The composition of the National Committee is given at Annexure 'A'.

4. In order to facilitate expeditious approvals/clearances and ensure timely implementation of commemorative programmes etc. Government has constituted a Cabinet Committee, under the chairmanship of the Home Minister, empowered to take all decisions relating to celebrations including sanction of expenditure . The composition of the Cabinet Committee is given at ANNEXURE 'B'.

5. Further , in order to envision and evolve programmes geared towards commemoration and to oversee their successful implementation, an Implementation Committee , headed by the Minister of Human Resources Development , has been set up. The implementation committee is also empowered to set up such other committees/ sub-committees under its overall supervision as it may consider necessary and expedient in the interest of the successful organisation of the commemorative celebrations. The composition of the Implementation Committee has subsequently been broad-based in order to provide a wider representation to the cross-section of people in our national life. The composition of the Implementation Committee and its terms of reference are given at ANNEXURE 'C'.

6. In order to coordinate the commemorative effort, a Secretariat headed by an Additional Secretary and comprising three Joint Secretaries, some other middle level officers /functionaries and supporting staff has been created. The Secretariat has been allocated to the nodal agency,i.e. the Department of Culture and besides its other functions , shall also serve the three Committees and such other committees/sub-committees, that may be set up in this behalf. The Secretariat shall function directly under Secretary, Department of Culture, Ministry of Human Resource Development.

REVIEW OF PROGRESS

7. The first meeting of the National Committee was held under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister on 14-12-96, in New Delhi. The Minutes of the said meeting are given at ANNEXURE 'D'.

8. The Cabinet Committee held its first meeting on 12-12-96. The Cabinet Committee has sanctioned a budget of Rs. 51 crores for the celebrations under the non-plan. Out of this amount, Rs. 6 Crores are for Establishment & Office Expenses and the rest of the amount is for commemorative events and activities. The year-wise break-down of the budget allocation is as follows:

1996-1997	Rs. 2 crores
1997-98	Rs. 39 crores
1998-99	Rs. 10 crores

The Cabinet has also sanctioned 85 posts for the Secretariat. These posts are in addition to the one post of Additional Secretary and two posts of Joint Secretary which were created initially with the approval of the Cabinet. A list of the 85 posts is given at ANNEXURE 'E'.

9. The initially constituted Implementation Committee had also held its first meeting. The minutes of the said meeting are given at ANNEXURE 'F'.

10. In-so-far as the setting up of the Secretariat is concerned, an Additional Secretary and a Joint Secretary are already in position. In order to assist them, Department of Culture has provided a nucleus staff till the posts in the Secretariat are filled up. In the meanwhile 4 Under Secretaries have also joined the Secretariat and the process of filling up other posts is underway.

11. The State Governments have also been requested to constitute appropriate Committees and formulate their own programmes.

12. It is generally felt that celebrations should begin on the mid-night of 14th August 1947 with a special Joint Session of Parliament to be addressed by the President.

13. It has also been suggested that there should be some programme which will acknowledge the fact that while many rejoiced on 15th August, 1947, at the dawn of freedom, there were many others who were sad at the turn of violence and the Partition of the country. The programme suggested for this may be a national programme at Haidari Manzil at Calcutta on 14th August 1997 where Mahatma Gandhi had gone on fast on 15th August in protest against the spurt of violence.

14. The year-long celebrations may be classified into 3 categories such as, ceremonial programmes, core programmes and those with an intellectual content and cultural interactions/projections.

15. As approved by the Cabinet Committee, the work of computerisation of the office is being assigned to the CMC Ltd. which will provide services and some equipment required by the Secretariat.



**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 - LOGO, CEREMONIAL EVENTS
AND MULTI-MEDIA EVENT**

An Advisory Group has been constituted to advise the Implementation Committee on the ceremonial programmes for 15th August, 1997, other events during the period 15-8-97 to 31-8-97 and for other occasions of national importance during the entire period of celebrations. Shri. L.C. Jain , an eminent Gandhian, economist and social scientist will be the Convenor of the Advisory Group. The composition of the Advisory Group is given at ANNEXURE 'G'. The Group will also suggest a suitable logo for the celebrations and advise on the actual content of ceremonial events and a multi-media event. The first meeting of the Group is scheduled for 1-3-97. The proceedings of the first meeting of the Group will be circulated in the meeting of the Implementation Committee.

Implementation Committee may kindly consider the suggestions made by it in its first meeting and give suitable directions and guidance.



AGENDA ITEM NO.3

CONSTRUCTION OF A FREEDOM MEMORIAL

The struggle for India's freedom was a unique event in the history of mankind. For the first time mankind was witness to the principle of non-violence being practiced for a peaceful transfer of power. In small towns and villages, we still hear stories about unsung heroes who sacrificed their lives for our independence. There are also the epic stories- the Salt March, the Quit India Movement, the INA trials etc. , which are recorded in our history books. However, it is necessary to rekindle the spirit of sacrifice and unity in our youth and people. There is no one place in India where we can see the story of India's Independence struggle unfolding.

For this purpose , it has been suggested that a freedom memorial be constructed at an appropriate site in New Delhi. The memorial would have to be appropriately designed and equipped with modern techniques to recapture and depict the spirit of our freedom struggle. It is felt that an audio-visual depiction could ignite the spirit of sacrifice and of national unity would be a fitting tribute to our freedom movement and its heroes. It may be mentioned that such freedom memorials have been set up in Algeria and Indonesia.

A concept paper on the subject prepared by Prof. Ravinder Kumar , Director NMML, Delhi is attached for consideration.



A CONCEPTUAL NOTE ON A MUSEUM COMMEMORATING
"THE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM IN INDIA (1857-1947)"

1. This "Conceptual Note" seeks to spell out how the struggle for freedom in India can be depicted through an exhibition created for the visual education of the common folk, more particularly, for the younger generation. This 'Note' is further undersigned by the belief that the emergence of India as a sovereign nation in 1947 was an event of global significance; that our freedom struggle was one of the most significant mass movements in world history in the 20th century; and that the most fitting portrayal of this struggle can be achieved through the ideals enshrined in our constitution, which give concrete and precise expression to the aspirations of the people as they struggled for liberation.
2. The great Uprising of 1857 against British rule over India, often described as the "First War of Indian Independence" constitutes an appropriate point of commencement for our visual narrative. This uprising, which was initiated by native soldiers of the British Indian Army, drew upon large sections of the landed aristocracy, the religious intelligentsia and the peasantry and rested upon their intensely patriotic world view. The Uprising had half a dozen centers of primary location, like Meerut, Delhi, Lucknow, Kanpur and Jhansi, from whence it reached out to the countryside. A striking feature of this Uprising was the remarkable unity it achieved between different religious communities and social classes. Yet the heroism and sacrifice of all those who struggled so valiantly in 1857 did not yield any immediate results: in the absence of modern political ideas and modern skills in organisation; and in the absence also of state-of-the-art military technology, Never, therefore, was such an armed struggle repeated within India by nationalists seeking to liberate the country from foreign rule.
3. Even before the Uprising of 1857, seminal changes were taking place within the new middle classes which had come to life under the colonial dispensation, more particularly in the coastal region and in the port-cities of Calcutta, Madras and Bombay. In the port-cities, as a result of new opportunities for western education under the colonial state, there emerged communities of the elite which had imbibed the exciting values of the Enlightenment. Such values not only encouraged this elite to reassess their religious, philosophical and social heritage, but they also promoted them to explore what the west had to offer in the sphere of political ideas and political organisation. All this is vividly reflected in the life and achievements of the Bengali reformer, Raja Rammohan Roy. Yet the colonial context of this ferment greatly constrained the social and intellectual space which Rammohan Roy, or those who followed his lead, could explore in the second half of the 19th century.

4. While the ferment which widened the social and intellectual horizons of the middle classes was at work, changes of a much more fundamental character were transforming the material lifestyle and mentalities of the "popular classes", that is, of peasants, artisans, industrial workers, pastoral folk and different social groups drawn from the tribal communities. The popular classes, who constituted an overwhelming majority of the population of India, were adversely affected by the exploitative character of the colonial state: not only because their material lifestyle declined sharply; but also because their moral values were under threat of subversion. Small wonder, then, that India was visited repeatedly by famines and starvation on hitherto unknown scale in the 19th century. Small wonder, also, that the popular classes were drawn into a series of violent uprisings under their traditional leaders in this period. These uprisings - like the Santhal hool; or the Indigo Revolt; or the Deccan Riots of 1875; or the Munda upsurge - were primordial and socially fragmented in character. Besides, they were often directed against proximately located sections of Indian Society. Yet taken altogether, they spoke of a deep malaise within the system of colonial governance which the British had instituted in India. Unfortunately, at this juncture the popular classes had little access to modern ideas of political empowerment and political organisation. They were also divided into fragmented communities; while their tenuous connections with other social classes had been further weakened through the modernisation of Indian society under the colonial dispensation. Notwithstanding their demographic strength, therefore, the popular classes was unable to achieve victory in their bid to overthrow the colonial state.
5. With the dawn of the 20th century, the restlessness of the middle classes within India became a very prominent feature of the political scene. This was so for a variety of reasons. But most of all, this restlessness reflected the fact that the colonial state provided no forum where the middle classes could express their grievances and articulate their interest, or fulfil the aspirations which the world of the Enlightenment had generated within their psyche. The unfulfilled aspirations led initially to the creation of local and regional political organisations, and finally, to a countrywide political forum - virtually a parliament of Indian nationalism - which was established in 1885. This was a modest beginning. But it was pregnant with significance. Inspired by this development the middle class leaders fashioned a powerful critique of the regime of appropriation set up by the British Raj, and the consequent deprivation of the popular classes. Indeed, the more perceptive leaders of the middle class commenced talking around this time about the need to reach out to the "proletariat" (i.e. the popular classes), in order to conjure into existence a truly mass based political movement in the country.
6. The strengthening of the middle class voice in India, in the closing decades of the 19th century, was forthwith reflected in developments in nationalist polition. Well before the 20th century, the growth of nationalist sentiment was manifest in the activities of revolutionary nationalists, who set up secret societies whose cadres attempted, on the one hand, to establish formal links between the elite and the popular classes, and on the other, to undermine the colonial State through heroic acts of violence. Like their counterparts elsewhere located within despotic states, such revolutionaries believed that through their heroism and self-sacrifice, they could undermine the psychological dominance of the colonial State over the

people of India, and persuade them to rise in opposition to it. The partition of Bengal in 1905 by the Viceroy, Lord Curzon, which was a bid to break up nationalist sentiment in the most advanced province of India, gave a great impetus to the freedom struggle in the rest of India. But such repression only stimulated the fires of nationalism and gave birth to the swadeshi movement; a movement of cultural self-assertion; a search for empowerment; and a quest for material self-sufficiency. The swadeshi movement found in Rabindranath Tagore, the distinguished Bengali poet, a voice of great cultural sensitivity and political power. When the constitutional protest of the liberal leaders of the Congress proved of no avail, then the revolutionary nationalists struck with the weapon of political violence, and obliged the colonial State to undo the partition of Bengal, and shift the capital of India from Calcutta to Delhi, in the vain hope that the British regime would be safe there.

7. By the second decade of the 20th century, the growing ferment among the middle and the popular classes had been forcefully registered upon the political scene. Yet these two segments of Indian society still remained trapped in distinct trajectories of political disquiet. The forging of these two social constituencies into a single force was achieved by Mahatma Gandhi. During his experiments with truth in South Africa, Gandhiji had discovered in militant non-violence, or satyagraha, a formidable means of fighting political oppression. He now applied this novel weapon of non-violent warfare to liberation of India from British rule. In the years after world war I, Gandhiji launched a series of countrywide agitations - the Rowlatt Satyagraha of 1919; the movement for Non-cooperation of 1920-22; the Civil Disobedience Movement of the 1930s; and finally, the "Quit India" movement of 1942 - to destroy the British presence; through his skills in choice of political idiom and in political organisation; and through applying the technique of Satyagraha to the task of liberating India; the Mahatma was able to draw Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs; the rich and the poor; the middle and the popular classes; into a mighty mass movement whose ideological favour and demographic scale were unexcelled in world history in the 20th century.
8. While the charisma of the Mahatma imposed a distinctive moral quality on the struggle for freedom within India, there were complementary voices and forces which were no less significant in imparting substance and shape to this struggle. Indeed, the liberation movement was in its wider context as much concerned with removing poverty and deprivation; or social inequality and economic injustice; as it was concerned with destroying British rule over India. To this end, the socialist and Marxist constituents of the liberation movement gave it an additional strength. Indeed, in the 1920s, and the 1930s, socialist and Marxist leaders reached out the poorest sections of the peasantry, and the industrial working class, to ensure that such classes occupied centre-stage in the freedom struggle. A similar concern was extended to the dalit communities, who were dubbed Harijans, or the "Children of God" by Gandhiji, and who threw up in B R Ambedkar, a political figure of great significance in the 20th century.

9. With the triumph of democracy over fascism in the world arena in 1945, the stage was set for the emergence of India as a sovereign Nation. The struggle waged by the people of India, which was led by leaders of rare distinction, attained its political objective on 15 August 1947, when the British departed from the country. On that fateful date virtually half a century ago, the people of India, having regained their freedom got themselves to the task of creating a liberal and democratic Republic, devoted to the objective of stimulating the material, cultural and spiritual creativity of the common folk.



AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

SUGGESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

It was felt that it is for the people of India to decide as to how they would like to celebrate 50 years of their freedom. Accordingly, advertisements were issued in the national as well as vernacular press seeking ideas, suggestions from the people. It was considered necessary that the ideas, suggestions received in this behalf would need to be sifted through computer support in respect of 16 themes approved by the National Committee and every letter received should be acknowledged through computer print-out. The Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage. (INTACH) has shown its willingness to undertake this work. Accordingly, INTACH has been assigned this responsibility and a payment of Rs. 50,000, as a one-time grant to do this work has been given to INTACH. The Implementation Committee is requested to accord its ex-post facto approval to the above proposal.



AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

PROPOSALS OF NFDC

The National Film Development Corporation (An organisation under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting) has made a set of 13 films related to the freedom struggle which they were planning to show at a few Metropolitan areas in India. The films are as under :

1. TAMAS
2. TRAIN TO PAKISTAN
3. GARAM HAWA
4. GANDHI
5. MAKING OF THE MAHATMA
6. NEHRU
7. SARDAR
8. AMBEDKAR
9. SAROJINI NAIDU
10. SUBHASH C BOSE
11. ABUL KALAM AZAD
12. 1942
13. BHOOLINAI
14. SUBARNREKHA (By Ritvi Ghatak)

The M D of NFDC is now agreeable to show these films in villages and towns all over India instead of few metropolitan cities. NFDC has given an estimate of Rs. 135 lakhs (break-up attached) for wide-spread exhibition of these films in villages and small towns of India. The Implementation Committee may like to consider giving NFDC Rs. 1 crore for exhibiting these films through out India.

The Implementation Committee may kindly consider this proposal and accord its approval to the proposal of grant of Rs. 1 crore to the NFDC , in principle. The decision about the suitability of these films and their subsequent circulation on the lines indicated above would be entrusted to a group of three persons.

COST OF FILM FESTIVAL PACKAGE

	Rs. in Lakhs
1. Cost of 4 sets of 35 mm prints (13 in each set) with subtitles where necessary for screening in major cities in Northern, Southern, Eastern & Western Region @ Rs. 11 lakhs / set.	44.00
2. Cost of 8 sets of 16 mm print with subtitle where necessary for screening in smaller centre, schools etc. @ Rs. 6 lakhs/set	48.00
3. Cost of 190 sets of cassettes for distribution through videovans of field units, through community sets etc. @Rs. 13,000/- per set.	
4. Cost of Publicity material to be prepared including posters and booklets on the package	8.00
5. Cost of Royalty	Nil
6. Cost of transportation/movements etc.	15.00
7. Cost of local exhibition/halls/screening facilities etc. will be borne by the local organisations or local sponsors	Nil
8. Other Administrative and miscellaneous cost	10.00
TOTAL	135.00

Rs. 1 crore would be contributed by HRD, Dept. of Culture. Balance would be borne by NFDC.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

PREPARATION OF A CALENDER OF EVENTS

The year long celebrations commencing from 15 August 1997 is being planned at the three levels:

- (i) People and their organisations. This would include individuals, Panchayats, Municipal Bodies and voluntary organisations covering the entire gamut of public activity in India.
 - (ii) Government organisations: This would include the Central, State, Union Territory & District Administrations in the country. The institutions of Parliament, State Legislatures, Judiciary and other Constitutional bodies would also form part of Government efforts. Similarly, the public sector undertakings both of the Government of India and of the State/ Union Territory administrations, banks and other public bodies would fall in this category : and
 - (iii) International Initiatives: A number of countries have shown interest in paying homage to India and some of them have already started celebrating 50 years of India's Independence at New Delhi and other places in India. The plans of celebrations of Indian Missions abroad are also to be incorporated under this head.
- ~~(iv)~~ It is proposed to prepare a calender of events for entire year incorporating major functions/ events of all the three categories listed above. This is a very ambitious task and the Secretariat is planning to take the help of consultants to prepare a calender of events.

It may be recalled that during the year 15 August 1997 to 15 August 1998 a number of centenaries and landmark events associated with our national leaders freedom struggle are also being planned. These efforts are required to be dovetailed in the centenary celebrations.

Apart from 15th August, 1997 and 15th August 1998 other dates identified and approved by the National Committee for ceremonial celebrations during the one year beginning 15 August 1997 are 9th August 1997 (curtain raiser), 15th August 1997 (125th Birth Anniversary of Shri Aurobindo), 2nd October 1997 (125th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi), 14th November, 1997 (108th Birth Anniversary of Pandit JawaharLal Nehru), 26th November 1997 (when the constitution was adopted in 1949), 23rd January 1998 (101st Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose), 26th January 1998 (Republic Day), 17th July 1998 (101st Anniversary of the Enlightenment of Ramana Maharishi).

Various NGO's and other organisations are organising events on their own for the Commemoration of 50 years. It is proposed to prepare and franchise our Logo to eligible organisations and their event is included in our Calender of Events and they can portray it as an Associated event of the official celebrations.

The guidance of the Implementation Committee is sought about the preparation of the Calender of Events.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

SUGGESTIONS OF Prof. U.R.Rao REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDIA'S INDEPENDENCE.

1. A two day seminar should be held at Delhi under the auspices of HRD for presenting objective assessment of India's progress in different spheres of activity prior to August 15, 1997 to focus on the progress achieved, shortfalls if any, problems and the future course of action. Eminent scholars/experts must be requested to make such a presentation. The presentations should be brought out as a special publication of the Government of India on August 15, 1997.
2. Each State Government should be asked to hold similar seminars in their capital to highlight the progress made in each state in various spheres of activity inviting experts from different fields.
3. Special TV/ Radio programmes made with the help of experts to be broadcast nationwide on different aspects of national development particularly aimed at inculcating the spirit of national pride in the younger generations. This should be backed up by special audio-visual lectures or screening of video cassettes depicting India's progress in schools and colleges.
4. Bring out a popular book in all Indian languages depicting the progress made by India in different spheres of activity.
5. Arrange exhibition including Mobile exhibitions which can tour rural areas to inform people of the all round progress made by the country (example-mobile exhibition of the Department of Space).
6. Parliamentary resolution exhorting people to work hard in the interests of the nation to enable India to become a truly progressive nation. If we can bring in the culture of 6 day work in a week, it would greatly help national productivity in our country which has too many holidays.
7. Resolution to cleanse our public life from all its illegal activities such as corruption. Such a social reformation must start from politicians, public servants and private entrepreneurs.
8. Resolution to speed up economic liberalisation, infrastructure build up and improvement of quality of life both in rural and urban areas. Setting up of small advisory bodies consisting of not more than four or five independent experts in each Department to help the government in evolving appropriate policies.
9. Eradication of illiteracy to be given the highest priority. Optimal use of distance education facilities would greatly accelerate the process.

10. Announce special schemes for rural development which must emphasize sustainable integrated development, literacy, health care, environment and rural industrialisation to improve their quality of life.

The suggested topics for the Seminar (See 1) are:

1. Industrial Progress in India
2. Growth of Scientific research in India
3. Emergence of India as a space power
4. Development in Atomic Energy
5. Energy Scenario in India
6. Agricultural Developments and Food Security
7. Economic policies and their impact on society
8. Growth of transportation infrastructure
9. Communication revolution in India
10. Rural development
11. Health care and quality of life
12. Education and literacy
13. Cultural Regeneration
14. Public sector growth and performance
15. India's security and its foreign policy

The Committee is requested to kindly consider these suggestions and give suitable decisions/directions for their Implementation.



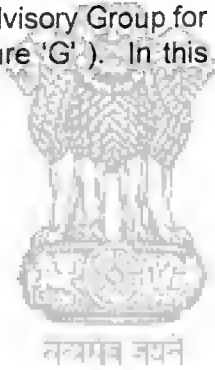
AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

CONSTITUTION OF THEME GROUPS/ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The National Committee in its meeting held on 14-12-96 has approved the following theme for which Advisory Groups are to be set up.

1. Ceremonial Functions and Memorials
2. Arts
3. Media
4. Social-Economic Programmes
5. Freedom Fighters Parliament and State Legislators
6. State and Union Territories
7. Children, Women and Youth
8. Women
9. SCs/STs/OBCs and Minorities
10. Science and Technology, Space and Atomic Energy
11. Public Sector Undertakings and Banks
12. Farmers, Trade Unions and NGOs
13. Law and Justice
14. Armed Forces, Police and Services Sector
15. International Perspectives
16. Trade and Commerce

With the approval of HRM , the Advisory Group for Ceremonial Functions and Memorials has already been set up (Annexure 'G'). In this Connection Agenda Item No. 2 also refers.



AGENDA ITEM NO. 9
APPROVAL OF PROGRAMMES BY THE CHAIRMAN SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION
BY THE IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE AT ITS SUBSEQUENT MEETING

Keeping the time-bound nature of the celebrations in view, the decision making process will have to be active and prompt in order to ensure timely execution of all the programmes. The meetings of the Implementation Committee will be organised at regular intervals. However, it will not be practicable to proceed, in all the cases, only after receiving the approval of the Implementation Committee as and when it meets. It will therefore be expedient in the interest of successful organisation of events, that the Chairman of the Implementation Committee may be authorised to take immediate decisions, matters/activities/programmes of urgent nature, on behalf of the committee, which could be placed before the Committee at its next meeting for ratification.



AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

Amar Nath Sehgal, a famous sculptor wants to do a 12 to 14 feet high piece in bronze called "Hamara Akash" on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of India's Independence. A smaller version of this is already displayed at the National Gallery of modern Art at New Delhi.

Shri. Sehgal has indicated that he may be in a position to get the piece ready by 15th August 1997. He has also indicated that the cost may be between Rs. 12 to 15 Lakhs. Shri. Sehgal is keen that on completion, the piece should be installed outside Vigyan Bhawan , New Delhi.

The Implementation Committee is requested to give its views on the above proposal.



AGENDA ITEM NO. 11
COMMEMORATIVE COINS

The Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance has sent two paper designs/art work (will be shown at the time of the meeting) for preparation of a coin on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of India's Independence. They have informed us that it takes 3-4 months from the date of receipt of final design for minting of the coins. They have sought approval for the designs.

The Implementation Committee is requested to approve the designs for the commemorative coins.



AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 A

Proposal from Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund

The Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund has suggested that students in Schools, colleges, universities and other educational institutions, as well as the members of Panchayats and non-governmental organisations all over the country should gather on 14th August, 1997 towards midnight to recite "Bande Mataram" and "Jana Gana Mana", and also listen to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's "Tryst with Destiny" speech as well as the Independence Resolution. The project would involve hundreds of thousands of institutions all over the country. The Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund wants this to be considered on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of India's Independence.



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Agenda Item NO.11 - B

DIRECTORATE GENERAL : DOORDARSHAN

50th Anniversary of India's Independence

A C T I O N P L A N

Directorate General Doordarshan has drawn up a comprehensive plan for the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of India's Independence recognising the importance of the event. The tone has already been set for the joyous celebration of the country's freedom through careful selection of programmes containing personalities, movements, participations, roles played by the press, institutions and various sections of the society, etc. etc.

P A R T - I

YEAR ROUND ACTIVITIES

1. The commemoration of 50th Anniversary will start with telecasting of the Address to the Nation by the President of India and the Prime Minister.
2. Regional language versions of the above Addresses will be telecast from the Regional Kendras in their respective languages.
3. Telecast of Addresses by Governors and Chief Ministers of the States from Regional Kendras.
4. News coverage and telecast of all the functions in the Capital and Capital Cities of the States and some important historical places connected with the freedom movement.
5. Coverage on the National hook up and on the Regional Stations activities and celebrations pertaining to the functions conducted to commemorate the event. Reports will be telecast wherever possible.

P A R T - I I

SPECIAL SPONSORED PROGRAMMES ON DD-I & DD-II

The following sponsored programmes have been approved:

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| 1. Golden Moments | 52 Eps. |
| 2. Amazing India (Quiz Prog) | 21 Eps. |
| 3. Unknown Soldiers
(Women freedom fighters) | 26 Eps. |

4. Emerging India (Achievements in various fields)	26 Eps.
5. Golden Jubilee Show (Patriotic films songs)	13 Eps.
6. Quiz Programme	21 Eps.
7. Rani Chennamma	26 Eps.
8. Main Dilli Hoon	52 Eps.
9. Gatha (Soap opera) (Post-independence activities)	52 Eps.
10. Siyasat	52 Eps.
11. Achievements in 50 years (State-wise)	26 Eps.
12. Kahan Gaye Woh Log (Personality-based)	52 Eps.
13. Sangharsh	52 Eps.
14. Pariwar	26 Eps.
15. Shubh-Labh	104 Eps.
16. Swathanthratha Samar senani	26 Eps.
17. Making of a Nation	26 Eps.
18. Kanthapura (Based on the novel of Sh. Raja Rao)	26 Eps.

Songs and short films of 3-5 minutes' duration depicting freedom struggle and development of the country on various themes have been approved under sponsored category. These will be telecast every day during the whole year.

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COMMISSIONED PROGRAMMES ON THE FREEDOM STRUGGLE AND POST-INDEPENDENCE DEVELOPMENTS ON DD-I, DD- II, DD-III AND 15 REGIONAL KENDRAS

Doordarshan has specially commissioned 5 renowned internationally known eminent film makers of the country to produce 13 episodes each to be telecast one episode per week on various aspects of independence and the achievements of the country. These film makers are :

1. Shri Girish Karnad
2. Shri Budha Deb Dasgupta

3. Shri Shyam Benegal
 4. Shri Saeed Mirza
 5. Shri Bhupen Hazarika.
2. Another 156 episodes have been approved on pre-independence and post-independence activities to be telecast one episode each per week on DD-I, DD-II and DD-III.

Topics already approved

1. Freedom struggle and Indian Poetry
2. Swatantrata Samgram Ke Teen Paksh -
1. Swadesh & Boycott Movement 2. Flag 3. Charkha & Khadi
3. Sangram
4. We the people
5. Midnight Hour
6. Indian Freedom Movement and Cinema
7. Shabd-Yudh
8. Aazadi
9. Impact of freedom struggle on Indian cinema and vice-versa
10. Jhelum Gawah Hai
11. Looking back to look forward
12. Maha Samar
13. Samar Gatha (CHINGARI)
14. Ek Kahani Patta Boley
15. Katha Vyakti & Freedom Fighter - An animation film for child viewership
16. Role of Indian Stage and Screen in freedom struggle
17. Jails at the time of the freedom struggle

Topics under consideration for approval

1. Role of educational institutions in freedom struggle
2. Self-upliftment by Welfare Schemes by the people of J&K

3. Achievements in the areas of science and technology
4. Achievements in agriculture, education, employment, industries, panchayats, National language - A round up
5. European perception of India's freedom struggle
6. Food storage and grainneries
7. Handloom
8. Handicrafts
9. Mines and minerals
10. Horticulture and agriculture in various States
11. Transport and its development
12. Overall progress in 50 years
13. Cooperative Housing Movement
14. Proposal for children audience - especially gallant children of the nation
15. Oil and gas exploration
16. Foreign policy - Contribution to UN
17. Health
18. Child welfare schemes
19. Growth of theatre
20. Modern Indian art
21. Food availability - PDS
22. Energy
23. Depicting the Nation's progress through street theatre and notanki
24. Status of women
25. Letters from the prison
26. The youths and their developlments
27. Role of press in Independent India
28. Development and conservation of wild life
29. Role of Urdu press during freedom movement

30. Views of the Indians living abroad on India's achievements
 31. Green revolution
 32. Development in paper, jute, cotton and news print industry
 33. Achievements in the field of tourism
 34. Trade and Commerce
 35. Freedom movement through leather puppets for children
 36. Child Welfare and their development
 37. Agriculture Research institutions - Lab to land
 38. Armed Forces and their development
 39. March forward by backward classes
 40. Democratic establishments
 41. Water resource development and irrigation
 42. Space programmes, Railways, Surface Transport, Environment, Tourism
 43. Role of Electronic Media
3. 16 Regional Kendras have been granted Rs. 1 crore each for producing 52 episodes each in the following languages:
1. Assamees
 2. Bengali
 3. Gujarati
 4. Marathi
 5. Malayalam
 6. Kannada
 7. Oriya
 8. Tamil
 9. Telugu
 10. Punjabi
 11. Hindi

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

ANY OTHER ITEMS WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.



ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. List of State Govts. who have constituted Committees

HRM had sent a letter to Chief Ministers of the State Governments and to Administrators of Union Territories (Annexure H) to constitute committees and draw their own programmes. A list of State Governments who have constituted Committees is given at Annexure I.

2. Programmes of Ministries and Departments of Govt. Of India

A letter had been sent under the signature of the Prime Minister on 29/10/96 (Annexure J) to all Cabinet Ministers and Ministers of State with Independent charge requesting them to send schemes and programme which Ministries/Departments of the Govt. of India proposed to organise during the year of celebrations. The gist of the proposals from the Ministries/Departments of the Govt. of India is given at Annexure K. A folder containing the detailed proposals is also submitted for the information of the Implementation Committee.

3. Proposals from Individuals and Private Organisations

A lot of individuals and organisations have sent proposals on how the 50th Anniversary should be celebrated and have given programmes and suggestions for these. A list of this is given at Annexure L.

It is proposed to analyse the programmes in the Secretariat for the anniversary celebrations and consider them for funding whenever they are approved by the appropriate authority.

4. Programmes abroad

A list of proposals received of programmes abroad is given at Annexure M. The J S (Co-ordination), Ministry of External Affairs is also co-ordinating the celebrations to be held by Missions of India abroad.

Apart from these, Missions of various foreign countries in India have shown keen interest in organising programmes. Some of the missions which have shown interest are United States, United Kingdom, France, Israel etc.

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F.No.38-1/95-C&M

Govt. of India

Ministry of Human Resource Development

Department of Culture

New Delhi, the 14 Oct., 1996

RESOLUTION

In continuation of Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Culture Resolution of even number dated 13th August, 1996 constituting the National Committee for the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of India's Independence with the Prime Minister of India as Chairman and Secretary, Department of Culture as the Member Secretary, the composition of the National Committee is notified to be as follows:-

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|----|---|-----------|
| 1. | Prime Minister | -Chairman |
| | FORMER PRESIDENTS | |
| 2. | Shri R. Venkataraman | -Member |
| 3. | Shri B.D. Jatti | -Member |
| | ALL CABINET MINISTERS | |
| 4. | Shri Balwant Singh Ramoowalia,
Minister of Welfare | -Member |
| 5. | Shri Beni Prasad Varma,
Minister of Communications | -Member |
| 6. | Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya,
Minister of Steel and Minister of Mines | -Member |
| 7. | Shri C.M. Ibrahim,
Minister of Civil Aviation with additional charge
of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting | -Member |
| 8. | Shri Chaturanan Mishra,
Minister of Agriculture, excluding the Department of
Animal Husbandry and Dairying | -Member |
| 9. | Shri Devendra Prasad Yadav,
Minister of Food and Minister of Civil Supplies,
Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution | -Member |



10.	Shri I.K. Gujral, Minister of External Affairs	-Member
11.	Shri Indrajit Gupta, Minister of Home Affairs	-Member
12.	Shri Janeshwar Mishra, Minister of Water Resources	-Member
13.	Shri M. Arunachalam, Minister of Labour	-Member
14.	Shri Mulayam Singh Yadav, Minister of Defence	-Member
15.	Shri Murasoli Maran, Minister of Industry	-Member
16.	Shri P.Chidambaram, Minister of Finance	-Member
17.	Shri R.L. Jalappa, Minister of Textiles	-Member
18.	Shri Ram Vilas Paswan, Minister of Railways	-Member
19.	Shri S.R. Bommai, Minister of Human Resource Development	-Member
20.	Shri Srikanta Kumar Jena, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Minister of Tourism	-Member
21.	Shri T.G. Venkatraman, Minister of Surface Transport	-Member
22.	Shri Yerran Naidu K., Minister of Rural Areas and Employment	-Member
	Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission	
23.	Shri Madhu Dandavate Former Prime Ministers	-Member
24.	Shri Gulzari Lal Nanda	-Member
25.	Shri V.P. Singh	-Member
26.	Shri Chandra Shekhar	-Member
27.	Shri P.V. Narasimha Rao	-Member
28.	Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee	-Member

Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha

29. Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee -Member

Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha

30. Shri Sikander Bakht -Member

Chief Ministers

31. Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu, Andhra Pradesh -Member
32. Shri Gegong Apang, Arunachal Pradesh -Member
33. Shri Prafulla Kumar Mahanta, Assam -Member
34. Shri Laloo Prasad Yadav, Bihar -Member
35. Shri Pratap Singh R. Rane, Goa -Member
36. Shri Shankar Sinh Vaghela, Gujarat -Member
37. Shri Bansi Lal, Haryana -Member
38. Shri Virbhadra Singh, Himachal Pradesh -Member
39. Shri Farooq Abdullah, J&K -Member
40. Shri J.H. Patel, Karnataka -Member
41. Shri E.K. Nayanar, Kerala -Member
42. Shri Digvijay Singh, Madhya Pradesh -Member
43. Shri Manohar Joshi, Maharashtra -Member
44. Shri Rishang Keishing, Manipur -Member
45. Shri S.C. Marak, Meghalaya -Member
46. Shri Lal Thanhawla, Mizoram -Member
47. Shri S.C. Jamir, Nagaland -Member
48. Shri Janaki Ballav Patnaik, Orissa -Member
49. Shri Harcharan Singh Brar, Punjab -Member
50. Shri B.S. Shekhawat, Rajasthan -Member
51. Shri Pawan Chamling, Sikkim -Member
52. Shri M. Karunanidhi, Tamil Nadu -Member
53. Shri Dasaratha Deb, Tripura -Member
54. Shri Jyoti Basu, West Bengal -Member
55. Shri Sahib Singh Verma, Delhi -Member
56. Shri R.V.Janakiraman, Pondicherry (UT) -Member

57.	Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh	-Member
58.	Dr. Rajendra Kumari Vajpai, Lt. Governor, Andaman & Nicobar Islands (UT)	-Member
59.	Lt. Gen(Retd) B.K.N. Chhibber Administrator, Chandigarh (UT)	-Member
60.	Shri S.P. Aggrawal Administrator, Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli (UT)	-Member
61.	Shri Rajeev Talwar Administrator Lakshadweep (UT)	-Member
Ministers of State (Independent Charge)		
62.	Shri Bolla Buli Ramaiah MOS of the Ministry of Commerce	-Member
63.	Shri Dilip Kumar Ray MOS of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries	-Member
64.	Capt. Jai Narayan Prasad Nishad MOS of the Ministry of Environment and Forests	-Member
65.	Smt. Kanti Singh MOS of the Ministry of Coal	-Member
66.	Shri Raghuvans Prasad Singh MOS of the Deptt of Animal Husbandry & Dairying	-Member
67.	Shri Ramakant D. Khalap MOS of the Deptts of Law & Justice	-Member
68.	Shri Saleem Iqbal Shervani MOS of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare	-Member
69.	Shri Shees Ram Ola MOS of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers	-Member
70.	Shri Yogendra K. Alagh MOS of the Ministry of Planning and Programme Implementation and MOS of the Ministry of Science and Technology	-Member
Leaders of Political Parties in Lok Sabha		
71.	Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Leader of BJP	-Member
72.	Shri P.V. Narasimha Rao, Leader of Congress (I)	-Member
73.	Shri Somnath Chatterjee, Leader of CPI(M)	-Member

74.	Shri Madhukar Sarpotdar Leader of Shiv Sena	-Member
75.	Shri Kanshi Ram Leader of BSP	-Member
76.	Shri George Fernandes Leader of Samata Party	-Member
77.	Shri Surjit Singh Barnala Leader of Shiromani Akali Dal	-Member
78.	Shri Sanat Kumar Mandal Leader of RSP	-Member
79.	Shri Chitta Basu Leader of AIFB	-Member
80.	Shri Jai Prakash Leader of Haryana Vikas Party	-Member
81.	Shri G.M. Banatwalla Leader of Muslim League	-Member
82.	Shri Ram Sagar, Chief whip Samajwadi Party	-Member
83.	Dr. M. Jagannath Leader of Telugu Desam	-Member
84.	Smt. Geeta Mukherjee Deputy Leader of CPI	-Member
85.	Dr. Prabin Chandra Sarma Leader of A.G.P.	-Member
86.	Shri N.D. Tiwari Leader of Congress(T)	-Member
<i>Leaders of Political Parties in Rajya Sabha</i>		
87.	Shri S.B. Chavan Leader of Congress (I)	-Member
88.	Shri Sikander Bakht Leader of BJP	-Member
89.	Shri Inder Kumar Gujral Leader of Janata Dal	-Member
90.	Shri E. Balanandan, Leader of CPI(M)	-Member



91.	Shri G.Swaminathan, Leader of AIADMK	-Member
92.	Shrimati Renuka Chowdhury, Leader of Telugu Desam	-Member
93.	Shri N. Giri Prasad, Leader of CPI	-Member
94.	Shri Ram Gopal Yadav, Leader of Samajwadi Patry	-Member
95.	Shri Satish Padhan, Leader of Shiv Sena	-Member
96.	Shri B.V. Abdulla Koya Leader of Muslim League	-Member
97.	Shri Joyanta Roy Leader of Forward Bloc	-Member
98.	Shri Parag Chaliha Leader of Asom Gana Parishad	-Member
99.	Shri Tridib Chaudhuri Leader of RSP	-Member
100.	Shri Vizol Leader of Nagaland People's Council	-Member
101.	Shri Karma Topden, Leader of Sikkim Sangram Parishad	-Member
102.	Miss Mayawati, Leader of Bahujan Samaj Party	-Member
103.	Shri Joy Nadukkara, Leader of Kerala Congress (M)	-Member
104.	Dr. D. Venkateshwar Rao, Leader of Telugu Desam	-Member
105.	Shri Prakanta Warisa, Leader of Autonomous State Demand Committee	-Member
105(A)	Shri Jayant Kumar, Convener of United Parliamentary Group in Rajya Sabha	-Member
<i>Presidents of all Major National Political Parties</i>		
106.	Shri L.K. Advani, BJP	-Member
107.	Shri A.B. Bardhan, Genl. Secy, CPI	-Member

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| 108. | Shri Harkishan Singh Surjeet,
Genl. Secy, CPI (M) | -Member |
| 109. | Shri Sita Ram Kesri
Indian National Congress | -Member |
| 110. | Shri Subramanian Swamy,
Janata Party | -Member |
| 111. | Shri Laloo Prasad Yadav,
Janata Dal | -Member |
| 112. | Shri George Fernandes,
Samata Party | -Member |
| 113. | N.D. Tiwari,
All India Congress (Tiwari) | -Member |

Writers and Artists

- | | | |
|------|---------------------------|---------|
| 114. | Prof. U.R. Ananthamurthy | -Member |
| 115. | Shri M.F. Hussain | -Member |
| 116. | Shri Habib Tanvir | -Member |
| 117. | Smt. M.S. Subbulakshmi | -Member |
| 118. | Ms. Lata Mangeshkar | -Member |
| 119. | Shri Subhash Mukhopadhyay | -Member |
| 120. | Shri Bhupen Hazarika | -Member |
| 121. | Shri R.K. Narayan | -Member |
| 122. | Pt. Ravi Shankar | -Member |
| 123. | Shri Vijay Tendulkar | -Member |



Trade, Commerce & Industry

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|------|--|---------|
| 124. | President, FICCI | -Member |
| 125. | President, CII | -Member |
| 126. | President, Associated Chambers of Commerce | -Member |
| 127. | Shri Rattan Tata | -Member |
| 128. | Shri Rahul Bajaj | -Member |
| 129. | Shri H.S. Singhania | -Member |
| 130. | Shri S.M. Dutta | -Member |
| 131. | Shri T. Suresh Krishna (TVS) | -Member |

Media & Cinema

- | | | |
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| 132. | Shri Nikhil Chakravarty | -Member |
| 133. | Shri Prabhas Joshi | -Member |
| 134. | Shri K.M. Mathew,
Malayalam Manorama | -Member |
| 135. | Shri Aveek Sarkar,
Ananda Bazaar Patrika | -Member |
| 136. | Shri S.B. Adityan,
Head of the Indian Newspaper Society | -Member |
| 137. | Shri Dilip Kumar | -Member |
| 138. | Smt. Shabana Azmi | -Member |
| 139. | Shri Shyam Benegal | -Member |
| 140. | Shri Adoor Gopalakrishnan | -Member |
| 141. | Shri Girish Karnad | -Member |

Educationists

- | | | |
|------|---|---------|
| 142. | Prof. Ravinder Kumar | -Member |
| 143. | Acharya Ramamurthy | -Member |
| 144. | Prof. Indresan | -Member |
| 145. | Dr.(Ms) Armaity S. Desai,
Chairman, UGC | -Member |
| 146. | Prof. D.M. Nanjundappa, Chairman
ICSSR (Indian Council of Social Science Research) | -Member |
| 147. | Shri A. Vaidyanathan,
Former Member, Planning Commission | -Member |

Youth & Sports

- | | | |
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| 148. | Shri Sunil Gavaskar | -Member |
| 149. | Shri Prakash Padukone | -Member |
| 150. | Smt. P.T. Usha | -Member |

Social Activists (in the field of Welfare, Women & Child Development, Health, Environment etc.)

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| 151. | Dr. Anil Agarwal | -Member |
| 152. | Smt. Pramilla Dandavate | -Member |

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| 153. | Mrs. Jaya Arunachalam | -Member |
| 154. | Prof. K.K. Chakravarty,
Ramakrishna Mission, Calcutta | -Member |
| 155. | Smt. Mohini Giri,
Chairperson, National Commission for Women | -Member |

Gandhians & Freedom Fighters

- | | | |
|------|---|---------|
| 156. | Dr. B.N. Pandey | -Member |
| 157. | Ms. Sushila Nayar | -Member |
| 158. | Shri Rabin Bhai | -Member |
| 159. | Baba Amte | -Member |
| 160. | Shri Mohan Dharia | -Member |
| 161. | Ms. Ila Bhatt | -Member |
| 162. | Shri H. Narsimaiah, Bangalore | -Member |
| 163. | Prof. Ramlal Parikh | -Member |
| 164. | Shri Nijilingappa | -Member |
| 165. | Shri L.C. Jain | -Member |
| 166. | Shri Samar Guha | -Member |
| 167. | Shri Sisir Bose | -Member |
| 168. | Col. G.S. Dhillon | -Member |
| 169. | Smt. Lakshmi Sehgal | -Member |
| 170. | Shri C. Subramaniam | -Member |
| 171. | Shri S. Jagannathan | -Member |
| 172. | Smt. Prabhavati Devi | -Member |
| 173. | Shri Subbarao,
Gandhian and Sarvodaya Leader | -Member |



Science & Technology

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|------|---|---------|
| 174. | Prof. U.R. Rao | -Member |
| 175. | Dr. A. Abdul Kalam | -Member |
| 176. | Prof. Yash Pal | -Member |
| 177. | Dr. M.S. Swaminathan | -Member |
| 178. | Prof. Nigam,
Vice-Chancellor, Goa University | -Member |

Judiciary & Law

- | | | |
|------|------------------------------------|---------|
| 179. | Justice L.M. Sharma (rtd) | -Member |
| 180. | Justice Sarkaria (rtd) | -Member |
| 181. | Justice Nittur Sreenivas Rao (rtd) | -Member |
| 182. | Justice Ranganath Mishra (rtd) | -Member |
| 183. | Shri Soli Sorabji | -Member |

Representatives of Trade Unions

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|------|------------------|---------|
| 184. | President, CITU | -Member |
| 185. | President, AITUC | -Member |
| 186. | President, HMS | -Member |
| 187. | President, INTUC | -Member |

Traditional Scholars

- | | | |
|------|--|---------|
| 188. | Prof. S. Rinpoche (Buddhism) | -Member |
| 189. | Dr. Rafiq Zakaria (Islam) | -Member |
| 190. | Dr. Vishwanath Bhattacharya,
(Sanskrit), Varanasi | -Member |
| 191. | Archbishop Alan de Lastic of Delhi | -Member |

Other eminent persons

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| 192. | Mother Teresa | -Member |
| 193. | Dr. Manmohan Singh | -Member |
| 194. | Dr. I.G. Patel | -Member |
| 195. | Shri K.F. Rustamji | -Member |
| 196. | Field Marshal Manekshaw | -Member |
| 197. | Air Marshal I.H. Latif | -Member |
| 198. | Smt. Kapila Vatsyayan | -Member |
| 199. | Smt. Sonia Gandhi | -Member |
| 200. | Smt. Pupul Jayakar | -Member |
| 201. | Shri Syed Shahabuddin | -Member |
| 202. | Shri Sharad Joshi | -Member |
| 203. | Shri Mahendra Singh Tikait | -Member |
| 204. | Dr. Karan Singh | -Member |



205.	Shri P.N. Haksar	-Member
206.	Lt. Gen (retd) J.S. Aurora	-Member
207.	Smt. Savita Ambedkar, Wife of late Dr. B.R. Ambedkar	-Member
208.	Shri R.T. Rymbai, Meghalaya	-Member
209.	Shri Tashi Rabgyas, Ladakh	-Member
	Member-Secretary	
210.	Secretary, Department of Culture	Member-Secretary

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(B.P. SINGH)

Secretary to the Govt. of India



PART - I SECTION - I

F.No.38-1/95-C&M
Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
(Department of Culture)

New Delhi, the December, 1996

RESOLUTION

In continuation of Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Culture Resolution of even number dated 14th October, 1996 notifying the composition of the National Committee for the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of India's Independence, the following Leaders of the Political Parties/ Groups in Lok Sabha are notified to be members of the National Committee :-

1. Shri Sharad Yadav, Janata Dal
2. Shri N.S.V. Chitthan, Tamil Manila Congress(M)
3. Shri Murasoli Maran, Dravida Munnetra Kazhgam
4. Shri Chandra Shekhar, Samajwadi Janata Party (Rashtriya)
5. Shri Salahuddin Owaisi, All India Majlis-E-Ittehadul Muslimeen
6. Dr. Jayanta Rongpi, Autonomous State Demand Committee
7. Shri Shibu Soren, Jharkhand Mukti Morcha
8. Shri Madhavrao Scindia, Madhya Pradesh Vikas Congress
9. Shri Ramakant D. Khalap, Maharashtra Gomantak Party
10. Shri S. Bangarappa, Karnataka Congress Party
11. Shri P.C. Thomas, Kerala Congress (M)
12. Shri Bhim Prasad Dahal, Sikkim Democratic Front
13. Shri Alemao Charchil Braz, United Goa Democratic Party

2. In place of Shri Ram Sagar, Chief Whip, Samajwadi Party, Smt. Geeta Mukherjee, Dy. Leader, Communist Party of India and Dr. Prabin Chandra Sarma, Leader of A.G.P. appearing at sl. nos. 82, 84 and 85 respectively in the

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Resolution dated 14th October, 1996, Shri Mulayam Singh Yadav, Shri Indrajit Gupta and Shri Birendra Prasad Balshya are notified as Members of the National Committee on account of their being Leaders of the Samajvadi Party, Communist Party of India and Asom Gana Parishad respectively in the Lok Sabha.

3. Shri Vivek Goenka will replace Shri S.B. Adityan at sl. no. 136 as Head of the Indian Newspaper Society.


(B.P. SINGH)

Secretary to the Govt. of India

ORDER

Ordered that a copy of the Resolution be communicated to all the Ministries and Departments of the Government of India and State Governments and Union Territory Administrations.

Also ordered that the Resolution be published in the Gazette Extraordinary for general information.


(B.P. SINGH)

Secretary to the Govt. of India

To

The Manager
Government of India Press
Mayapuri
New Delhi.

Copy to :-

1. All Sections of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Culture.
2. All Attached and Subordinate Offices of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Deptt. of Culture.
3. All members of the National Committee for the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of India's Independence
4. Prime Minister's Office.
5. Cabinet Secretariat.
6. OSD to Minister of Human Resource Development.
7. DPIO, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Deptt. of Culture, New Delhi (10 copies).


(B.P. SINGH)

Secretary to the Govt. of India

**COMPOSITION OF THE CABINET COMMITTEE
TO CONSIDER ALL MATTERS RELATING
TO THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF INDIA'S INDEPENDENCE**

(1)	Minister of Home Affairs	Chairman
(2)	Minister of Human Resource Development	Member
(3)	Minister of Finance	do
(4)	Minister of External Affairs	do
(5)	Minister of Defence	do
(6)	Minister of Information and Broadcasting	do
(7)	Secretary (Culture)	Secretary



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Government of India
Secretariat for the Commemoration of the 50th
Anniversary of India's Independence

Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Culture

New Delhi, the th January 1997

RESOLUTION

In supersession of the Ministry of Human Resource Development Department of Culture Resolution of number F. NO. 38-1/95-C&M dated 13th August 1996, the Government of India have decided to reconstitute the Implementation Committee for the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of India's Independence which shall consist of the following :

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|---|----------|
| 1. Minister of Human Resource Development | Chairman |
| Cabinet Ministers | |
| 2. Shri Beni Prasad Verma
Minister of Communications | Member |
| 3. Shri C. M. Ibrahim
Minister of Civil Aviation and
Information & Broadcasting | Member |
| 4. Shri Chaturanan Mishra
Minister of Agriculture | Member |
| 5. Shri Murasoli Maran
Minister of Industry | Member |
| 6. Shri Ram Vilas Paswan
Minister of Railways | Member |
| 7. Prof. Madhu Dandavate
Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission | Member |

Minister of State

- | | |
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| 8. Shri Chandradeo Prasad Verma
Minister of State in the Ministry
of Rural Areas & Employment | Member |
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Presidents of Political Parties

- | | |
|------------------------|--------|
| 9. Shri Sitaram Kesari | Member |
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Writers & Artists

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| 10. Prof U. R. Anantha Murthy | Member |
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| 11. Shri Bhupen Hazarika
Trade, Commerce & Industry | Member |
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| 12. President, FICCI
Media & Cinema | |
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| 13. Shri Aveek Sarkar | Member |
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| 14. Ms. Shabana Azmi | Member |
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Educationists

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| 15. Prof. Ravinder Kumar | Member |
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Social Activists

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| 16. Shri Anil Agarwal | Member |
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Gandhians/Freedom Fighters

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| 17. Ms. Ela Bhat | Member |
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Science & Technology

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| 18. Prof. U. R. Rao | Member |
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Judiciary and Law

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| 19. Shri Justice Ranganath Mishra (retd.) | Member |
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Other Eminent Persons

20. Dr. Karan Singh	Member
21. Air Chief Marshal I. H. Latif (retd.)	Member

Civil Servants

22. Cabinet Secretary	Member
23. Foreign Secretary	Member
24. Secretary (Expenditure)	Member
25. Secretary (Education)	Member
26. Secretary (Youth Affairs & Sports)	Member
27. Secretary (Culture)	Member
28. Additional Secretary (Culture)	Member-Secretary

The Implementation Committee shall be responsible for :

- i) Evolving events and programmes geared towards commemoration.
- ii) Implementing the events and the programmes evolved in connection with the commemoration beginning from 15th August 1997.
- iii) Obtaining such information/documents from the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India and State Governments and securing such assistance as may be required by it in due discharge of its responsibilities and functions, from time to time.
- iv) The Committee shall have power to (i) call for details (ii) organise meetings and (iii) require the presence of Secretaries to the Government of India, Chief Secretaries to the State Governments/UTs and Secretaries of the Departments of the State Governments/UTs for consultation and discussions, etc. in connection with the discharge of its function and responsibilities.
3. The Implementation Committee shall perform such other functions and responsibilities as may be assigned to it from time to time.
4. The Implementation Committee is empowered to set up such Programme Committees, Sub-committees under its overall supervision, as may be considered necessary.

(B. P. SINGH)
Secretary to the Govt. of India

ORDER

Ordered that a copy of the Resolution be communicated to all the Ministries and Departments of the Government of the India and all States and Union Territories.

Ordered also that the Resolution be published in the gazette of India for general information.

(B. P. SINGH)

Secretary to the Govt. of India

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copy to :

1. All sections of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Culture, New Delhi :
2. All attached and subordinate offices of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Culture, New Delhi.
3. All Members of the National committee for the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of India's Independence.
4. Prime Minister's office.
5. Cabinet Secretariat.
6. PS to Minister of Human Resource Development
7. D. P. I. O. Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Culture, New Delhi (10 copies)



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MINUTES

The meeting of the National Committee for the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of India's Independence was held on 14/12/1996 at Vigyan Bhavan. A list of members of the National Committee is enclosed at Annexure 'A'.

Welcoming members of the National Committee the Minister of Human Resource Development said that the National Committee for the commemoration of 50th Anniversary of India's Independence consisted of the Prime Minister of India as Chairman and Secretary (Culture) as Member Secretary and had more than 200 members including former Presidents of India, all Cabinet Ministers, Dy. Chairman of Planning Commission, former Prime Ministers, Leaders of Opposition in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, Chief Ministers of States, Leaders of political parties, Presidents of all major national political parties, writers, artists and leaders of trade, commerce and industry, media, cinema, youth and sports, educationists, social activists, Gandhians, freedom fighters, experts of science and technology, judiciary and law, traditional scholars, representatives of trade unions and other eminent persons. He also said that the great event in our national life would be celebrated for one year from 15th August, 1997 so as to rekindle the spirit of sacrifice and freedom. He informed the Committee that the Cabinet Committee and the Implementation Committee with the help of professionals and experts would evolve programmes and take steps to implement the same. The programmes would be formulated in such way that they are unique, memorable and had a lasting impact ensuring wide ranging participation of people at all levels.

The Prime Minister welcomed the members of the National Committee and said that it was an honour for him to welcome members to the first meeting of the National Committee. He said that India's freedom of 50 years was a watershed in the 20th century and in world history. The Independence of India heralded the end of colonial era giving the world the political philosophy of Ahimsa and Satyagraha. He said that the people of India were fortunate to have their destiny guided by thoughts and deeds of Mahatma Gandhi, whose message of non-violence and love of humanity was relevant for all times. Although there have been periods of trials and tribulations, achievements have also been significant in the last 50 years. The legacy of our founding fathers have been triggered by India's commitment of democracy and civil society. The Prime Minister stated that although the temple of modern India has been built we have not yet wiped tears from every eye. Challenges have been faced for the modern self reliant and proud nation. However, today there is a new generation with new hopes, new aspirations and new challenges who have not witnessed the freedom struggle. The Prime Minister

stated that 50th Anniversary was the right occasion for the introspection and also a time to look at the future and chalk out the path we wish to take to enter the next century. We should consolidate our strength and tackle our shortcomings collectively in a determined and fearless manner. The Prime Minister said that no nation can move forward until it ensures the health, well being and prosperity of the people. He was of the opinion that the nation should be revitalised with high values and morals that guided the freedom struggle. This should be a year of national reawakening and the commemoration should be commensurate with the historic significance of the event. The programme and events should ensure the broadest participation of the people, bearing in mind that India continues to live in its villages. It was an occasion for every Indian to rejoice and make his or her own contribution howsoever small, to further strengthen the country. The Prime Minister also stated that India should take this opportunity to extend her hand of friendship and co-operation to the outside world and participate fully in the trend towards global interdependence.

The Prime Minister's speech was followed by detailed deliberations on each Agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Preliminary arrangements and suggestions: The National Committee noted the setting up of the Cabinet Committee under the Chairmanship of the Home Minister and Implementation Committee under the chairmanship of the Minister for Human Resource Development. However, after detailed deliberations the HRD Minister in response to various suggestions said that more non-officials and leaders would have to be involved in the Implementation Committee and it would be reconstituted so as to include people's representatives. The National Committee authorised the Prime Minister to reconstitute the Implementation Committee and set up whatever other committees were necessary.

The National Committee noted that all Ministries of Government of India had been requested to formulate plans for the celebrations and that the new Secretariat to service the three Committees was in the process of being set up.

The National Committee also noted that an advertisement has been released through DAVP inviting views and suggestions of the general public asking them to suggest how the 50th Anniversary should be celebrated. The National Committee also approved the programmes to be classified as ceremonial programmes and those with a cultural and intellectual content.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 2

The National Committee noted that all State Governments and Union Territories had been requested to formulate programmes and set up Committees.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 3

The National Committee after due deliberations felt that the celebrations of 50 years of India's Independence must have a clear focus in terms of celebrating the most important attainments India has for the last half a century as well as its agenda for future. It also decided that the activities and programmes to be undertaken could be covered under the following heads :-

(1) Ceremonial, Functions and Memorials (2) Arts (3) Media (4) Socio-economic Programmes , (5) Freedom Fighters, Parliament & State Legislatures (6) State & Union Territories (7) Children, Students & Youth (8) Women (9) SCs/STs/OBCs & Minorities (10) Science and Technology, Space and Atomic Energy (11) Public Sector Undertakings and Banks (12) Farmers, Trade Unions and NGOs (13) Law & Justice (14) Armed Forces, Police and Service Sector (15) International Perspectives (16) Trade and Commerce it was decided that advisory groups would be set up for each theme with the approval of HRM

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

Extremely valuable suggestions were made by the members of the Committee. Detailed proceedings are being compiled separately. The following persons spoke:

1. Mr. S. Nijalingappa
2. Mr. R. Venkatraman
3. Dr. Karan Singh
4. Mr. Mohan Dharia
5. Mr. Digvijay Singh
6. Dr. B.N Pandey
7. Mr. Manohar Joshi
8. Mr. Sharad Joshi
9. Mr. S S Vaghela
10. Dr. Rafiq Zakaria
11. Mr. S.S Barnala
12. Mr. Manmohan Singh
13. Prof. B R Rao
14. Mr. S.C Jamir
15. Mrs. Pupul Jayakar
16. Mr. Bhupen Hazarika
17. Mr. Bansi Lal
18. Mr. Janardan Reddy
19. Mr. Aladi Aruna
20. Mr. Abdul Kalam
21. Syed Shahbuddin
22. Mr. Anil Aggarwal
23. Mr. Ravinder Kumar
24. Dr. S.Swamy
25. Mrs. Promilla Dandvate



26. Dr. Kapila Vatsayna
27. Mrs Geeta Mukharji
28. Prof. U R Anathamurthy
29. Mr. J.K. Malhotra
30. Mr. Sisir Bose
31. Field Marshal Mankeshaw
32. Mr. K. F. Rustamji
33. Mrs. Leelawati R. Prasad
34. Mr. Suba Rao
35. Mr. A. S. Kaliwal
36. Mr. Madhukar Sarpotdar
37. Major V. S. Mankotia
38. Mr. Mahender singh Takhiat
39. Mr. N. Giri Prasad
40. Ms. Jaya Arunchalam
41. Mr. S. Jayanathan
42. Mrs. P. T. Usha
43. Mr. Jaya Narayan Prasad
44. Mrs. Savita Ambedkar

The National Committee felt that the last five decades have seen a substantial fulfillment of dreams of our national leaders and it would be in fitness of things that we commemorate the spirit which independence brought recalling aspirations during the freedom movement and achieved during the last 50 years in an appropriate manner. The celebrations must be primarily and substantially people's celebrations involving people at large from all walks of life particularly in the rural areas involving youth, children, women, members of the less privileged sections of the society, etc. The programmes should reach out to and involve as many people as possible rather than confining the events to Delhi or State capitals. They must be designed to highlight the manner in which the various democratic institutions in our social, economic and political life have evolved and continued during the last fifty years. They should lay particular emphasis on the new initiatives taken, tremendous release of energy, all round growth, attention to many neglected sectors, empowerment of various deprived sections and furtherance of the creativity of our people and society in all spheres. The National committee particularly noted that suggestions for the celebrations have already been invited from the people of India. Expenditure should result in creation of permanent assets and not be confined to functions of an ephemeral nature. The objective is to rekindle the spirit of the freedom struggle, ignite the imagination of the youth of India to build a strong and vibrant India.

The National Committee wanted that for the celebrations dynamic structures should be created at all levels, namely, the State Government, Division, District and Panchayat levels with representatives from all sections of the society involved in formulations and implementation of programmes. People at large must be enthused to rejoice in freedom and our democratic achievements and their dynamism, energies and perceptions should become the mainstay of the celebrations. The role of the NGOs and other social and cultural agencies was emphasized.

Some of the specific recommendations of the first meeting of the National Committee were :-

- (1) A National Freedom Fund - Swatantra Nic'hi to be established.
- (2) Village to be the Centre of attention.
- (3) Revival of commitment to the Directive Principles of the Constitution and implementation of the directives contained therein.
- (4) 125th Birth Anniversary of Sri Arbindo, birth centenary of Subhash Chandra Bose, Raman Maharshi, 50th Anniversary of Gandhiji's martyrdom, Sardar Patel, Maulana Azad etc. also to be commemorated.
- (5) All parties must accept a common code of public conduct.
- (6) A commission of public men, jurists etc. to suggest restructuring of the constitution and other National institutions.
- (7) Planning Commission & National Development Council to prepare a minimum programme to be implemented within a specific time frame.
- (8) People's Movement for family planning, medicare literacy.
- (9) Timebound programme for retrieval of waste lands.
- (10) Immediate prohibition of scavenging.
- (11) Right to information must be ensured to every individual.
- (12) Concentration on the farmers & their welfare.
- (13) Meetings at places where important events took place
- (14) Curtain raiser on 9th August at Mumbai when Gandhiji gave the "Quit India" call.
- (15) All legislatures, Parliament should meet on 14th August 1997 to rededicate the nation to freedom and to resolve to keep development above politics
- (16) One National language should be agreed to.
- (17) A train on Freedom Struggle to go around the country
- (18) An international institute of learning & research of Gandhian values & vision at Porbandar.
- (19) Great involvement of intellectual since it's they who lead and guide people.
- (20) Emphasis on communal harmony
- (21) Self-reliance such as in agriculture should be highlighted

OTHER ISSUES

The National Committee felt that to provide a distinct identity to the celebrations it would be desirable to have a logo which would be extensively used all over the country in all events, publications, exhibitions, posters etc. relating to the 50th Anniversary Celebrations.

The HRM was empowered to approve a Logo which would have the three colours of the National Flag and include the Dharmachakra, the wheel of righteousness from the Buddhist tradition and if possible, the charkha which represented the freedom struggle should be combined.

VOTE OF THANKS

The Home Minister thanked the Prime Minister for chairing the first meeting of the National Committee.

He also thanked Shri S. R. Bommai, Minister of HRD and Chairman of Implementation Committee and members of the National Committee for giving their suggestions and views which would help in formulating meaningful programmes for the year long celebrations.

The Home Minister said that the discussions had been truly National beyond and above politics and suggestions were for programmes of an enduring nature rather than merely ceremonial. He expressed the hope that the celebrations would not only rekindle the spirit of our epic struggle for freedom but the nation would also look forward to the future with hope and confidence. He expressed the hope that with a multi-pronged approach the celebrations of the 50th Anniversary should be of a nature befitting a great democratic Nation like India.



F. No. : 2-2/97- India-50
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SECRETARIAT FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF
50TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDIA'S INDEPENDENCE

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE

New Delhi, 14th January, 1997.

To

The Pay and Accounts Officer,
Pay and Accounts Office,
Department Of Culture,
New Delhi.

Sub: Creation of Temporary Posts in the Secretariat for the Commemoration of 50th Anniversary of India's Independence.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President to the creation of the following temporary posts in the Secretariat for the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of India's Independence for a period upto 28.2.98 with immediate effect.

S.No.	NAME OF POST	PAY SCALE	No. OF POSTS
1.	Joint Secretary	5900-6700	1
2.	Consultants	12,500 (Consolidated)	8
3.	Programme Co-Ordin.	10,000 (Consolidated)	8
4.	Computer Operator	7,500 (Consolidated)	1
5.	Dy. Secretary	3700-5000	1
6.	Under Secretary/Desk Off.	3000-4500	5
7.	Dy. Dir. (Off. Language)	3000-4500	1
8.	Information Officer	3000-4500	1
9.	Librarian	3000-4500	1
10.	P.R.O	2000-3500	1
11.	Library Assistant	2000-3500	1
12.	Private Secretary Gr. B	2000-3500	5
13.	Protocol Off.	2000-3500	1
14.	Sr. Accountant	1640-2900	1
15.	Sr. Hindi Translator	1640-2900	1
16.	Personal Asst. (Gr.C)	1640-2900	11
17.	Assistants	1640-2900	4
18.	Caretaker	1640-2900	1
19.	Cashier	1640-2900	1
20.	Protocol Asst.	1400-2600	1

21.	UDC	1200-2400	4
22.	Receptionist/Tel. Operator	1200-2400	2
23.	LDC	950-1500	4
24.	Hindi Typist	950-1500	1
25.	Driver/Despatch Rider	950-1500	2
26.	Jamadar	750-1040	2
27.	Peons	750-940	14
28.	Daftary	750-940	1

TOTAL

85

The expenditure involved will be debitable to the appropriate non-plan head of the Secretariat.

This issues with the concurrence of Ministry of Finance Department of Expenditure vide Dy. No: 253/SE/97 dt. 8.1.97

Yours faithfully,

(B.P.SINGH)

Under Secretary to the Govt. Of India

Copy to:

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Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE
FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDIA'S
INDEPENDENCE.**

1. The first meeting of the Implementation Committee for the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of India's Independence was held on 6th November, 1996 at 4p.m. in Room No. 301-C , Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi. The following were present:
 - i) Sh. B.P.Singh
Secretary (Culture)
 - ii) Sh. P.R.Dasgupta
Secretary (Education)
 - iii) Sh. R.S. Kalha,
Addl. Secretary,
Min. of External Affairs.
 - iv) Sh. Sanjay Singh,
Joint Secretary,
Min. of External Affairs.
 - v) Smt. Rama Murli,
Joint Secretary,
Dept. of Economic Affairs,
Min. of Finance.
 - vi) Sh. S.K. Malhotra,
Joint Secretary,
Deptt. Of Agriculture & Cooperation.
 - vii) Sh. N.S. Madhavan,
Joint Secretary,
Min. of Information & Broadcasting.
 - viii) Sh. R. L. Sudhir,
Addl. Secretary,
Secretariat for the 50th Anniversary of
India's Independence.
 - ix) Sh. Ashok Vajpeyi,
Joint Secretary,
Department of Culture.



x) Sh. Sanjay Narayan,
Joint Secretary,
Secretariat for 50th Anniversary of
India's Independence.

xi) Sh. Ravi Kant Chopra,
Director,
Department of Culture.

2. At the outset, Secretary (Culture) informed the members of the Implementation Committee that the Minister of Human Resource Development (HRM) was very anxious to convene this meeting and share his views and thoughts on the subject with all of them. However, due to unavoidable reasons, he was not able to attend the meeting. Secretary (Culture) added that had HRM been present in the meeting, he would have underlined the need to design such programmes as would rekindle the spirit of Freedom Struggle in the minds of the present generation.
3. Secretary (Culture) apprised the members that the commemoration celebration would be held for a period of one year, from 15th August, 1997 to 15th August, 1998. To guide, plan and organise the celebrations, a National Committee under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister, a Cabinet Committee under the chairmanship of the Minister of Home Affairs and an Implementation Committee under the Chairmanship of the Minister of Human Resource Development had been set up. Secretary (Culture) requested all the members to suggest if any other member should be co-opted on the Implementation Committee. He also informed that views of the general public were being solicited by inserting an advertisement in all the important newspapers in the country. The suggestions so received would not only constitute important inputs in planning the programmes at district, state and national levels but mean involvement of the common people both in thought and action. Central Ministries/ Departments and the State Governments had also been requested to formulate programmes and communicate the same to the Deptt. of Culture so that the National Committee has a meaningful agenda to discuss in its first meeting due to be held on 30th November, 1996. Secretary (Culture) laid emphasis on the need to formulate durable programmes leading to creation of permanent and useful assets like construction of freedom halls and toilets for the girl child in the rural schools. After making these initial remarks Secretary (Culture) requested all the participants to react to the Note circulated by the Department as also to give their views on how to organise the year-long celebrations.
4. Sh. R.S.Kalha, Addl. Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs felt that the composition of the Committee was appropriate and he did not feel the need for any addition to the membership at least at this stage. He stated that in the Ministry of External Affairs the view was that the programmes could be limited but should be well-planned, focussed and cost-effective. These should incorporate combinations of traditional and modern aspects on one hand and cultural and economic aspects on the other. The Indian Missions abroad had already been asked to furnish their plans which should include suggestions for meaningful programmes and not merely frivolous ceremonies. He also stressed the need to prioritise the programmes so that the focus is not lost.

5. Smt. Rama Murali, Joint Secretary, Department Of Economic Affairs mentioned about involving the banks, financial corporations and other autonomous bodies in the people -oriented activities and programmes relating to the 50th Anniversary . She also mentioned that the Department of Economic Affairs was proposing to mint a set of five commemorative coins of pure silver depicting the history of freedom struggle.
6. Sh. S.K. Malhotra, Joint Secretary, Deptt. Of Agriculture & Cooperation felt that the publicity would be of vital importance in the projection of what had been achieved during the last 50 years, be it in the field of agriculture or economy or any other area. It would be important to bring out succinctly how Indian agriculture had been transformed and how India had become from a food-importing country to a food-surplus country. He welcomed the idea of inviting public suggestions because that would lead to public participation. He opined that the activities and programmes should not appear to be Government sponsored but should have active public participation. He also supported the idea of Culture Secretary for creating permanent assets instead of forgettable ephemeral activities.
7. Sh. Madhavan, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting informed the Committee that his Ministry would ensure a day to day coverage of atleast 30 minutes for the 50th Anniversary programmes during the commemoration year. Various proposals pertaining to serials , films , an exhibition-mounted train and a series of interviews to depict the oral history of India were under consideration of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. However, he wanted to know the funding procedure for these programmes.
8. Sh.P.R. Dasgupta , Secretary (Education) mentioned that organisations like the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) , Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR), Indian Council of Social Science Research(ICSSR) and Indian Institute of Advanced Studies (IIAS) could organise interface with the academics as well as seminars on themes relating to the 50th anniversary celebrations. However, he felt that it would be important to identify a theme for the celebrations, which in his view , should be working of Democracy. He was also in favour of starting an educational channel on Doordarshan(Shri. Ashok Vajpeyi suggested it to be called Freedom Channel). To promote awareness among the children and the youth, Secretary(Education) recommended a Quiz Contest culminating on 15th August ,1998 which could be on the theme of freedom struggle . The Department of Education was also in touch with organisations like ASSOCHAM, CII etc to find ways and means of private sector involvement in the promotion of primary education and women's empowerment. Education Secretary also suggested that Secretary (Rural Development) may be co- opted as a member of Implementation Committee.
9. Shri Ashok Vajpeyi , Joint Secretary, Deptt. Of Culture drew the attention of the Committee to the fact that what was being celebrated was not merely the 50th anniversary of completion of India's Freedom Struggle but also the 50th anniversary of India's Independence. Therefore, while it was worthwhile to recall and recreate the spirit of freedom struggle , it was more important to highlight the games of 50 years of Independence. The programmes , while highlighting the achievements could be positively critical to bring out in the same vein the failures and deficiency areas. Release of a set of Books could also be considered during the course of celebrations. Mr. Vajpeyi informed the committee that the Deptt. of Culture was planning to organise through its

organisations, certain programmes and activities which should be unique and unprecedented. He also mentioned about proposals which have been received from other countries.

10. Shri. R.S.Sudhir , Addl. Secretary in the Secretariat for the 50th Anniversary of India's Independence proposed that an international conference be held with the participants from countries which had gained freedom during the 20th century. The representative from the Ministry of External Affairs assured that such a proposal was under their consideration. Shri. Sudhir further suggested that a Freedom Memorial be erected which should project three aspects:
 - a) The Freedom Struggle
 - b) The achievements made during the last 50 years.
 - c) The futuristic projections for India .
11. Shri. Sanjay Narayan , Joint Secretary in the Secretariat for the 50th Anniversary of India's Independence shared with the Committee his experience of the 40th anniversary celebrations and also suggested that another meeting of the Implementation Committee should be held before the meeting of the National Committee took place on 30-11-96.
12. Responding to the various suggestions given in the meeting Culture Secretary made the following points:
 - i) The silver coins proposed by the Deptt. of Economic Affairs are welcome. However, the MMTC has proposed preparation of Gold Coins . Both the proposals can therefore be considered .
 - ii) A series of Commemorative Postage Stamps could be released.
 - iii) Doordarshan should co-ordinate with other channels as well as in so far as projection of programmes is concerned. In this context, Secretary also mentioned about a BBC Film on the Civilisation of the World which gives the beautiful picturisation of the relevant period of India's Civilisational Attainments.
 - iv) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting should also take ideas from the editors of newspapers on how they view this momentous event and the manner in which they were planning to participate.
 - v) There should be a Calender of Activities: The Calender would show activities and programmes to be held in districts, State Capitals & the National Capital: the other part of the Calender would show what the other countries have planned to do in India as well as the programmes being organised by our Missions abroad.
 - vi) Although NGOs would have their own programmes we should interact with them and illicit their views in the matter. Infact, HRM could address selected NGOs in this regard.
 - vii) The theme of the celebrations could be India's Democracy and Plural Culture.
 - viii) Each Ministry/ Department should be free to visualise its Programmes and finance it . However, incase, they would like a specific programme /project to be funded due to shortage of funds in their own budget, they may approach the Secretariat of the 50th Anniversary of India's Independence.
 - ix) A thought has also to be given about the logo of the celebrations . It could be the National Emblem or the National Flag or something equally integral to India's Freedom history.

- x) Chief Secretaries of State Govts. / UT administration Secretaries of Central Ministries / Departments should be requested to nominate nodal officers with whom correspondence could be had on the subject.
13. The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.



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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE
SECRETARIAT FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF 50TH
ANNIVERSARY OF INDIA'S INDEPENDENCE

Vigyan Bhawan Annexe
New Delhi 20th, February, 1997.

The events for the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of India's Independence will begin on 15th August, 1997 and continue for a year till 15-8-98. It is necessary to prepare proposals for the ceremonial events for the momentous occasion on 14th August, 1997 mid-night, for the period 15-8-97 to 31-8-97 and for the days during the year which would be specially celebrated. It has therefore been decided with the approval of Minister for Human Resource Development, Government of India to constitute a Advisory Group consisting of the following members to suggest programmes for the consideration of the Implementation Committee for the Commemoration of 50th Anniversary of India's Independence.

	CONVENOR
i) SHRI L.C. JAIN	MEMBER
ii) DR. RAFIQ ZAKARIA	"
iii) SHRI B.R NANDA	"
iv) DR. RADHAKRISHAN DIRECTOR, GSDS	"
v) SHRI RAJIV SETHI	"
vi) Ms. MALIKA SARABHAI	"
vii) SHRI H. NARASIMAIAH	"
viii) SHRI ACHARYA RAMAMURTHY	"
ix) SHRI R.L. PARIKH	"
x) SHRI JAIPAL REDDY	"
xi) JUSTICE (Retd.) R.S.NARULA	"
xii) CHIEF SECRETARY OR A SENIOR SECRETARY GOVT. OF MAHARASHTRA	"
xiii) CHIEF SECRETARY OR A SENIOR SECRETARY GOVT. OF MEGHALAYA	"
xiv) CHIEF SECRETARY OR A SENIOR SECRETARY GOVT. OF GOA	"
xv) CHIEF SECRETARY OF A SENIOR SECRETARY GOVT. OF WEST BENGAL	"
xvi) CHIEF SECRETARY OR A SENIOR SECRETARY GOVT. OF SIKKIM	"
xvii) CHIEF SECRETARY OR A SENIOR SECRETARY GOVT. OF TAMILNADU	"

- xviii) CHIEF SECRETARY OF A SENIOR SECRETARY
GOVT. OF UTTAR PRADESH
xix) SHRI. R. L. SUDHIR, ADDITIONAL SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, GOVT. OF INDIA

(M.L.JAIN)
UNDER SECRETARY

COPY TO:

- (i) All Members of the Advisory Group
(ii) RESIDENT COMMISSIONERS OF
GOVT. OF MAHARASHTRA
GOVT. OF MEGHALAYA
GOVT. OF GOA
GOVT. OF WEST BENGAL
GOVT. OF SIKKIM
GOVT. OF TAMILNADU
GOVT. OF UTTAR PRADESH
(iii) PS to Minister of Human Resource Development
(iv) PS to Secretary (Culture)



(M.L.JAIN)
UNDER SECRETARY

Copy of the letter from the Minister of Human Resource Development to the Chief Ministers of States/Lt. Governors of Union Territories .

1. On 15 th August ,1997 India would complete 50 years of its Independence. This is a major milestone for us as the last 5 decades have seen fulfilment of dreams of our National Leaders. We struggled for achieving Independence under the leadership of Bapu, whose 125th Birth Anniversary India celebrated last year, and other leaders. It would be in fitness of things that we commemorate the spirit of Independence recalling aspirations during Independence movement and achievements during the last 50 years in an appropriate manner. In keeping with the thinking that this would be a major event in our National Life , Govt. of India has decided to commence the celebrations from 15th August 1997 which would continue for a year. Department of Culture in the Ministry of Human Resource Development has been declared as the nodal agency for these commemorative celebrations. In course of time, you shall be kept informed of the structure of celebrations.
2. It is however, felt that it would be appropriate to set up in advance a structure which would plan , implement and monitor suitable activities during the Golden Jubilee Celebrations. That is why a National Committee under the chairmanship of the PM , a Cabinet Committee under the chairmanship of the Minister of Home Affairs and Implementation Committee under the chairmanship for Human Resource Development have been set up. A Secretariat to service and assist these Committees is also being established.
3. The National Committee has been mandated to provide general policy directions and guidelines for the formulation of suitable programmes. The functions of the Implementation Committee would inter alia include:
 - a) evolving events and programmes geared towards commemoration of this momentous event;
 - b) implementing such events and programmes;
 - c) setting up such Programme Committees/ Sub- Committees under its over all supervision as may be considered necessary.The Cabinet Committee would be empowered to take all decisions on behalf of Govt. with regard to the sanction of expenditure, creation of posts, allotment of office accomodation, creation of infrastructural facilities and all matters connected with an efficient and successful organisation of the celebrations.
4. The emphasis in the programmes will be to reach out and involve as many people as is possible rather than confining the events to Delhi or State Capitals. The functions would also highlight the manner in which the various democratic institutions in our social, economic and political life have evolved and continued during the last 50 years. The expenditure will be committed less on the functions of ephemeral nature and more on the creation of permanent assets. In so far as the existing buildings and assets are concerned, only the prestigious ones should be selected for activities relating to Commemoration ceremonies. Since all these activities will have a very wide gamut and involve the Governmental machinery at all levels, it

will be important to constitute State level Committees under the chairmanship of respective Chief Ministers to evolve State- level programmes, on the one hand , and oversee the Implementation of the National and State-level programmes on the other. This Committee may comprise members from amongst political parties, artists, educationists, media, trade & industry, social activists, judicial Harijans , Adivasis and other backward classes etc. The State-level Committee may be free to constitute such other Sub- Committees as they consider necessary.

5. I shall, therefore, request you to immediately set up a State/Union Territory level committee under your Chairmanship in (name of the State/UT). It would be appreciated if this is done latest by 15th August, 1996 under intimation to us.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(HRM)

To all Chief Ministers of State &
Lt. Governors of Union Territories.



**STATE GOVERNMENTS WHO HAVE CONSTITUTED STATE LEVEL
COMMITTEES AND FURNISHED DETAILS**

1. GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
2. GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
3. GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
4. GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
5. GOVERNMENT OF PONDICHERY
6. GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA

The following states have informed that the state level committee has been constituted but no details thereof have been furnished:-

1. STATE GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
2. STATE GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
3. UNION TERRITORY OF CHANDIGARH



Copy of letter dated 29th October, 1996 from the PM to Chief Ministers, Lt. Governors of Union Territories and Governors of States under President's Rule.

India will be completing 50 years of Independence on 15th August, 1997. Since this will be a momentous event in our national life, it is desirable that it is celebrated not only on a wide scale but also in a befitting manner. Half a century of freedom has meant a tremendous release of energy, growth, attention to many neglected sectors, empowerment of various deprived sections and furtherance of creativity of our people and society in all spheres. And yet much needs to be done specially in areas of poverty eradication and provision of basic minimum services like education, health care, housing and drinking water etc. to all our people. It would therefore be an occasion to rejoice as well as to retrospect.

The Govt. of India have set up a National Committee under my Chairmanship, a Cabinet Committee under the Union Minister of Home Affairs and an Implementation Committee under the Chairmanship of Union Minister of Human Resource Development for organising the celebrations of 50 years of India's Independence. The Dept. of Culture is setting up a Secretariat to assist and service these Committees for monitoring various activities related to the celebrations.

My colleague, Shri. S.R. Bommai, Minister of Human Resource Development, has already sent a detailed communication urging you to plan in advance various activities for the occasion in consultation with your State level Committee. I would be grateful if you inform me of the steps you have taken for this purpose.

I wish to emphasise that activities planned by you should be of an enduring nature and good quality, ensuring widest possible participation of the people both in urban and rural areas. Each segment of the society must be made to feel and rejoice in what freedom has meant to us in the last 50 years. It should in particular be our endeavour to rekindle the spirit of the freedom struggle during the year long celebrations.

Very soon, I shall be convening the first meeting of the National Committee in which we would have an opportunity to exchange views on all these issues. It would greatly help the deliberations of the Committee if your Govt. presents a cogent programme for one year starting from 15th August, 1997.

With regards.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-
(H.D. Deva Gowda)

PROPOSALS RECEIVED FROM CENTRAL MINISTRIES/DEPARTMENTS

Annexure 'K'

SNO.	EVENT	NAME OF MINISTRY/DEPT	GIST OF PROPOSAL
1	Renaming of bridges, ports, ships on the name of freedom fighters. Major ports & autonomous bodies to hold function, seminar	Surface Transport	Proposed to rename major bridges, one of the new ship, the Enmore port and Pir Pau Oil Terminal in Bombay Port, State Road Tpt undertakings etc. after prominent freedom fighters. Wellknown writer to write a book on Indias freedom movement & MBPT. Institution of productivity awards/scholarships relating to road safety and pollution control. Suggestion for implementation committee. . Reservation of jobs in Govt. to the children of freedom fighters
2	Quiz competition, equestrian events, Painting competitions etc	Animal Husbandry (Agriculture)	Quiz competitions at state level, encouragement of horse riding, painting competitions, milk yield competitions for animals, bringout awareness about the importance of milk eggs, etc. through literatures and information, publicly on self employment in poultry productions.
3	Film on coal sector, Freedom pledge, renaming of institutions, stadium, buildings & other competitions	Coal	F functions, films display, cultural programmes, lectures by eminent speakers, display of posters, community development programmes, Kavi Sammelans and also erection of statues of our freedom fighters. Also proposes for free medical checkup and eye camps. A freedom pledge to work with dedication for the country
4	Exhibitions, competitions, seminars, films, Swaran Jayanti Express etc.	Rail	Holding seminars with special reference to Indian Railways, exhibitions of autographs in selected railway coaches on freedom movement. Drawing & painting competition for railway employees, quiz competitions in railway schools and other cultural programmes. Also, proposes cleanliness drive in railway colonies, organising blood donation camps. Constructing of auditorium.
5	Defence exhibitions, war memorial at Delhi, Commemoration Stamps fire works	Defence	Organising defence exhibitions, release of special stamps on armed forces, documentary films and establishment of war memorial in Delhi. Also, other celebrations and functions to honour ex-servicemen. Has asked for additional funds. Point for consideration- Whether PM's speech at the Ramparts of the Red Fort can be on the midnight of 14/15 Aug. 1997.
6	Special Commemorative postage and world Philaelic Exhibition etc.	Post	Issue of special commemorative postage stamps and covers. Holding of world philatelic exhibition from 15-22nd December 1997. Postal stationery to be provided with appropriate inscription indicating 50 years of independence. Exhibition of commemorative stamps issued over the years
7	Stamps, Coins, Exhibitions, Institution of award, quiz and Competitions	Women and Child Deve opment	Release of stamps and coins, holding of exhibitions on the development of women, and also essay & painting competitions. Preparation of audio-video spots and also bringing out brochures/publication on child welfare & development
8	National Seminar Exhibitions & Cultural programme	Chemicals & Fertilizers	Holding of national seminar in chemical sector and exhibitions to be organised by public sector undertakings. Also proposes cultural programmes to be organised by staff and workers associations.
9	Various programmes in association with Nehru Yuva Kendra, National service scheme, Bharat Scouts and guides.	Youth Affairs & Sports	Conduct programmes in memory of our freedom fighters bringing out their sacrifices for the country and holding 'Shahid Meets'. Further functions & events by NSSand Bharat Scouts & Guides and Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan has asked for Rs. 1.45 crores for undertaking the programmes.

S.NO.	EVENT	NAME OF MINISTRY/DEPT	GIST OF PROPOSAL
10	Setting up Water Resources Development Park, awareness on recycling of waste water, rehabilitate and rejuvenate irrigation tanks and completions of irrigation projects.	Water Resources	Setting up of water resources development parks in Delhi & state capitals To celebrate water resources week. Holding of mobile exhibition on water resources development. Publishing of booklets. Proposes to rehabilitate and rejuvenate irrigation tanks. Also assist the states in completing pending irrigation projects. (The programmes would cost Rs. 10.80 crores)
11	Resources camps in association with CAPART, awards etc.	Rural Areas & Employment	CAPART to identify 50 voluntary agencies for implementation of rural development schemes and also to set up resource camps in rural technology. To provide safe drinking water to identified primitive tribal groups. Awards to be instituted for Panchayats and also to hold workshops on rural development.
12	Mahatma Gandhi Statue at India Gate Complex.	Urban Affairs	Installation of the statue of Mahatma Gandhi at the India Gate complex
13	Swarn Jayanti Vigyan Jatha Internet Site on "Swarn Jayanti" Mahatma Gandhi Statue at Antarctica etc.	Science & Technology	Swarn Jayanti Vigyan Jatha, Prepare multimedia site on internet, installation of Mahatma Gandhi's statue at Antarctica. A project called 'India of our dreams' to be launched. Holding of exhibitions and seminars on science & technology development. Bringing out publications and also release of postage stamps on S&T events. Also proposes various cultural activities
14	Food Shows, Food Conference etc.	Food Processing	Setting up of mobile and static food processing plants. Organising a show on traditional Indian snacks/food. Holding of international food conference in Delhi & production of a short film on food processing industry in India. To device cost effective low priced refrigerated vending units for fishermen.
15	Afro Asian Leaders Conference, Teleconference, Audio Video, NRI awards, Films week competitions etc.	External Affairs	Non-governmental conference of Afro-Asian leaders during last quarter of 1997. Teleconferences on Indian democracy, audio-visual presentations and institution of 5 international awards for NRIs for their contribution towards India's prestige abroad. Holding of various exhibitions and bringing out publications. Indian Missions abroad proposes to organise exhibitions, film weeks, radio/television casts and cultural performances besides undertaking various other activities. (Has projected a requirement of Rs. 11.86 crores plus Rs. 6.49 crores in F.E.)
16	National Handlooms Gallery and Resource Centre, Exhibition on Tribal Craft Saga of India, 50 Craft Villages etc., Haats, Asia Fashion Council	Textiles	Setting up of a gallery for housing collections of contemporary handloom textiles of excellence. Holding of exhibitions of tribal craft of India. Presenting a saga of Indian textiles. Holding of fashion shows and symposiums. Setting up of craft villages and haats. Proposes to establish Asia Fashion Council and setting up of an international exhibitions-"Jute India"
17	Teleserials, commissioned services quickies, exhibition sound & light programmes, Folk & Tribal Festival, Documentary Film Festival etc.	Information & Broadcasting	Analysing of round the year activities of media units of the ministry. Setting up special projects by the media units. Various cultural programmes by various units of the Ministry. (Has made a demand for Rs. 37.40 crores for funding the programmes)
18	Exhibition on Environment in India Publicity material, Shram Dan by Ganga Sewa Dals, Boat Rally etc.	Environment & Forests	Exhibitions on the history of environment movement in India. Bringing out leaflets, brochures and booklets on environment. National environment awareness campaign using Doordarshan for telecast of environment films. Cleaning of bathing Ghats

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19	Quiz contests, Youth Parliament, Mock Parliament etc	Parliamentary Affairs	Organising quiz contests relating to functioning of constitutions and governance of 50 years. Youth Parliament competitions to be introduced in Navodaya Vidyalayas introduction of mock parliament in universities. Also proposes to commissioning a book on India Parliamentary system
20	Films, Pamphlets, Supplements in news paper	Labour	Production of documentary films tracing the history of trade union movement, production and distribution of pamphlets on the life and achievements of trade union leaders and bringing out special supplements in news papers and magazines on the life and achievements of these leaders (Have desired that funds to be made available be made known)
21	Exhibition, seminar, small farmer Agri-Business Consortium, Award quiz, Debate etc.	Agriculture (Agriculture & Co-operation)	Holding of exhibitions on the progress made in agriculture sector. Identification of programmes in the field of Horticulture and Fisheries division. Swarn Jayanti Cup/ Shield to be instituted for the best farmer. Construction of permanent agriculture pavilion and mobile exhibition on rail depicting the progress in agriculture.
22	Promote youth tours, separate logo for tourism sector, India diary special tours, special flights connecting South Africa and India	Tourism	Promoting youth tours to encourage domestic tourism. Organising essay/ photography/painting competitions on the tourism related themes. Special diary to be brought out on independence theme. Special tours to places associated with Gandhiji. Special flights to South Africa. Special promotion through India Tourism Office at London.
23	Seminars, Exhibitions, Symposiums	Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs	Holding of national seminar on the theme "50 years of standardization in India" observing World Standards Day, and World Consumers day. Holding of national symposiums on 50 years of quality certification in India. Bringing out coin, implementation of re-structured public distribution system with focus on poor people

PROPOSALS RECEIVED FROM INDIVIDUALS AND PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS

Annexure 'L'

SNO.	CATEGORY OF EVENT	NAME OF SPONSOR/ NAMES OF ARTISTS	GIST OF PROPOSALS
1	Presentation	Shyam Bhargava, Chief Executive Fusion Advertising Services	A presentation on concept of modern Indian history
2	Promotional Campaigns	Ms. Moyna Senapal Singh Ogilvy & Mather	Arranging Indian Diaspora event(s) creating events within India and implementing healthcare creating AIDS awareness campaigns, organise fund raisers for these activities. Organising exhibitions abroad on Indian events
3	Light & Sound Show	DI. Sarkar Communications, Bangalore Chitnu Graphics	Light and Sound extravaganza to re-create historical events at Kiltur Fort. This is an Audio-Visual Programme depicting the rise and fall of Kiltur Dynasty.
4		Benoy K. Bose, Director, "New Department of Culture, Govt. of India	Ajanta - rediscovered. Photography and Exhibition of Ajanta Paintings in USA
5	Exhibition	Proposals of Dr. Diptei Peshu C/o. K P V Nair India Intl. Art Centre, Calcutta	Post mid-night hour - a photographic exposition tracing the post independence experience of our nation. This will portray society, political activity, environment, industrial growth amongst other events.
6	Exhibition	Asfim Ghosh Foto Media, New Delhi	The exhibitions "50 years of art in independent India on paintings, drawings, graphics and sculptures
7	Exhibition	All India Fine Arts & Crafts Society (AIFACS), New Delhi	Exhibitions on different aspects of life in North -East India This would give an idea and also awareness about the life of the tribals, their dress, art, indigenous sciences and also medicines of North-Eastern region.
8	Exhibition on diff. aspects	Mithazz Majumdar	Exhibitions on Influences and echoes. The stylistic Affinities of the decorative art traditions of Kashmir and central Asia.
9	UNESCO Exhibition	INTACH	Art exhibitions from the collections of British Museum. The exhibition will be accompanied by illustrated catalogue and edited by Richard Burton of British Museum.
10	Exhibition	British Museum	

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13	Millenium Exhibition Expo-2000	Art restoration for Cultural heritage, Austria	"State-of-the-art" the Millenium exhibition - Expo2000. This will comprise of the expressive talent of 15 contemporary artists with 15 of the world's cherished and priced cultural heritage sites.
14	Publication	L K Sharma, Editor Science & Society Publications, London	Publication of various volumes containing general review and survey of India which will be of interest to all including the scientific community.
15	Advance proposal	M K Gandhi Institute for non-violence	Mr. Arun Gandhi of Christian Brothers Univ. Tennessee has forwarded various papers relating to India prepared by the M K Gandhi Institute for non-violence
16	India Focus in Bonn	Ambassador of India in Germany	The Indian Ambassador at Bonn has desired that India may send cultural and literary personalities from India to conduct programmes and events for celebrating 50th anniversary of India's independence at Germany.
17	Release of book	Anthony Osmond-Evans	Release of book - India the Beautiful
18	India - a celebration	Asian Arts Museum of San Fransisco	A three months long celebration of exhibitions, performances, demonstrations and films. It will be opened on 28/6/97 with a community celebration and run through 20th September '97. Funding request to Govt. of India, Air India and Cultural/Tourism Agencies.
19	India Festival'97	India Int'l. Mkty. Centre and British Orgn. of people of Indian origin - London Promoters: STC, FIEO, SIDBI, DCSSI, DSSIC	India Festival'97 will comprise of major trade exhibitions, cultural shows, Indian food stalls. India requested to send cultural troupe to this festival
20	Exhibition, Conference, Fashion Show	Friends of India Club, Sofia, Bulgaria	Scientific conference on the subject "Bulgarian Science on India" Fashion Show on traditional dresses of Indian ladies. Exhibitions on Art & Sculpture. Publication of research work by Bulgarian Scholars on Hindu Civilization, literature and history.
21	Exhibition & Publication	Mr. Antonio Mantinelli, Photographer of Europe based in France	Project about India, titled "ORIENTAL SCENERY"-200 years of India's agricultural and national heritage.

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11	Photographic Document	Gurinder Osan	Three photojournalists to tour India to prepare a photographic document of India in its 50th year of Independence
12	Release of Book & Exhibition	Rakhi Sarkar, Centre for International Modern Art (CIMA) Calcutta	Release of the book (colours of Independence) by Penguin books, India and an exhibition to be held at National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA)
13	Memorial to freedom struggle	Prof. Dr. Ing. H R Vishwanath	Proposal for memorial complex at Bombay Tower city. Tribute to India's freedom martyrs to be erected at Gateway of India, Bombay
14	3 days seminar on Independence Indo-Pakistani Mushaira Contributions of Muslims to India's Freedom	Khuda Bakhsh O.P. Library, Patna	3 days seminar on Independence. Introspection, retrospection and future plans. In view of 21st century challenges. Indo-Pak Mushaira Launching of a project on "Contributions of Muslims to India's freedom movement Also, bringing out a volume on "Contribution of Bihari Muslims to India's Freedom Struggle. Publishing of 30 volumes of Urdu periodicals in the library.
15	Plan/Timeframe of activities Seminars etc.	Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalay	Creation of large stone sculptures. Collection and documentation of indigenous life ways in valleys of Himachal Pradesh Collection of Artfax technological processes, craft traditions etc Workshop of South and South-East Asian Folk and tribal artists and holding of seminar and exhibitions. Inauguration of in-door museum building.
16	Exhibition on continuity of knowledge Publications. Linkage between populations of SAARC	Anthropological Survey of India	Organise an exhibition of continuity of knowledge bringing out publications dedicated to the 50 years of Independence. Special volume on bio-cultural linkages among the populations of SAARC countries.
17	Calendar of year long cultural activities	North East Cultural Centre Dispur	Festival of communal harmony. photographic exhibition on freedom struggle. museum exhibition of Indian freedom struggle. seminars, theatre festivals educational tours and North-East poets festival at Nagaland.

PROPOSALS RECEIVED FROM INDIVIDUALS AND PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS

S.NO.	NAME OF THE EVENT	NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL OR PRIVATE ORGANISATION	DATE OF THE EVENT
18	Seminar	Dr. C P Barthwal	Seminar on 50 years of Indian Administration
19	Sports, Classical Music, Seminars	CPV Cause Celebre	Seminars/Musical events for portraying India as an emerging economy and to evoke feeling of pride to be an Indian
20	Audio-visual show/ Exhibition	Malayala Manorama Publications	1) Show on achievements made by the country in different fields during last 50 years 2) Exhibition on achievements on green revolution literacy etc.
21	Indian Social Science Congress	Indian Academy of Social Science Congress	Comprehensive scientific, technical interpretation and evaluation of India's record as a nation in various domain
22	Programme	Confederation of Indian Industry	Suggestion for Commission of an outstanding group to present a programme on a Project to build nation's pride and nation's confidence
23	Conference	International Centre for Science, Culture and Consciousness	International Conference on India in the Arts & Literary imagination
24	Dance Presentation	Malika Sarukkai - Kalavahini	Thematic programme on freedom
25	Educational Competition	Foundation for Competition	All India Competition, General Knowledge test and Essay contests
26	Nation Building Programme	Mohan Dharla	Recommendation to form an appropriate forum commission for creating awareness, self introspection etc.
27	Seminar	P C Thakur-Reader Deptt. of Political Science University of Rajasthan	International seminar on "India Independence - 1947-1997"
28	Dance creation	Devyani	Indo-Jazz dance show - a production on Indian music, jazz and pop singing
29	Publication	P R Chari	Release of study project entitled "Fifty years of Independent India"
30	Celebrations	Percussive Arts, Bangalore	A project to highlight achievements in the field of percussive arts

SNO.	CATEGORY OF EVENT	NAME OF SPONSOR/ NAMES OF ARTISTS	GIST OF PROPOSALS
31	Dance Ballet	Sutapa Talukkar	Classical dance Ballet - Ananda Taranga - Presenting transformation of dance over the ages
32	Dance Programme	Laxmi Vishwanathan	Dance Theatre production to celebrate 50 years of Indian independence
33	Audio Cassette on education	Harmony Audio (Bombay) Pvt. Ltd.	An encyclopedia of educational Audio cassette on modern Indian history-life and deeds of different freedom fighters.
34	Compact Discs on history	Astrolinks	Production of interactive compact discs on history of India's independence
35	Photographic exhibitions, competitions for school children, documentaries, seminars and publications on monuments	Archaeological Survey of India	Holding of photographic exhibitions on protected monuments in India . Drawing and painting competitions for school children. Preparing a documentary on monuments related to freedom struggle, seminars on archaeology and freedom monuments, publication of a directory on centrally protected monuments.
36	Restoration of historic building	Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH)	The proposal deals with the restoration of historic Ronald Ross Building located in the Osmania University Campus , Hyderabad.
37	Publications	Dr. G.R.S. Rao Centre for Public Policies and Systems	Publication of Study Entitled "Constituent Assembly Revisited by Dr. Rao." The contents are the interview of 43 surviving members of the constituent assembly.
38	Celebrations	National Youth Project	Plans to organise celebrations on the 50th anniversary of India's freedom by constructive Youth organisations.
39	International Children's Cultural Festival	Nehru Bal Samiti	Proposals to organise International Children's Cultural festival in Sept/Oct 97 . The festival is aimed at developing International friendship, goodwill and understanding amongst the children.
40	Dance Programme	Mamta Shankar Ballet Troupe	Dance choreographed on the song "Vande Matram"
41	Educational and Entertainment Programmes	Kalakar Trust	Multi-media music and dance show on Educational and also other entertainment theme.
42	Research and Publications	Senior Citizens of India Foundation	Publication of Books by Senior Writers of eminence.
43	Bhajans, Symposium , Music and	Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre	A three day composite programme by eminent artists involving Bhajans.

PROPOSALS RECEIVED FROM ABROAD

Annexure 'W'

SNO.	CATEGORY OF EVENT	NAME OF SPONSOR/ NAMES OF ARTISTS	GIST OF PROPOSALS
1	Indian art exhibition and Indian musical performances	Ms. Gabriella Stojan of Milan Intl. Institute for advance Asian Studies (CESMEO) Ind. Embassy, Rome	Plans to organise a Congress entitled "India 1947-1997 - 50 years of independence". The congress will concern many aspects of political, economical and cultural life of India over the last 50 years.
2	Commemoration of medal during the bi-centenary Celebrations	Embassy of Rome in India	Related to holding Indian art exhibitions and Indian musical performance
3	Group programmes in different fields of Indian art & music	Oscar Botto, President, CESMEO Embassy of India in Rome	Presentation of exhibition consisting of paintings titled "Les Indiennes".
4	Exhibition of paintings	Mr. Gerard Garouste Embassy of France in India	A concert by Zubin Mehta - Violinist. Performance by Shovana Narayanan - A Kathak Dancer and Exhibitions of famous cartoonist - Ranga.
5	Different programmes	Indian Overseas Congress (London), U.K.	Holding of exhibitions of significant photographs made in India over the past 5 decades including works of Indian photographers. This will also include black & white duotone and for colour reproductions of the work in the accompanying catalogue.
6	Art Exhibition	Ford Motor Company Philadelphia Museum of art	The project titled "Oriental scenery" by Thomas and William Daniel. The project will charter the fate of India's cultural and natural heritage over about 200 years. This will be held in India at Calcutta, Delhi, Mumbai, Madras and Bangalore.
7	Presentation	Mr. Antonio Martneill, Paris	Book on Cambridge and India
8	Publications	Mr. Cordou Johnson Univ. of Cambridge	Bringing out a publication on India in Romanian Language titled "India - 5000 years of civilization 50 years of the republic."
9	Publication in Rumanian Language	Mr. M. L. Tripathi Ambassador of India, Bucharest	Publications of the official commemorative book to celebrate 50th anniversary
10	Publication	Wyn Jones Intl. business London	The book will include various aspects of political commercial, financial, industrial, business and social life of India.
11	Paintings Exhibition and different programmes	David Gore-Booth British High Commission	Establishing an Indian Cultural Centre in Netherlands to promote greater intercourse between two countries and also help for the better understanding of Indian values and promote trade and commerce.
12	Establishment of Indian Cultural Centre	Mrs. Tara Oedayray Singh Verma Memb. of Dutch Parliament & Director Meiden University	